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WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM PLANNED

# Tentative Outline of 46th Annual Convention of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association

MEMBERS AND Directors will meet in Fort Worth December 10-13 at the Hotel Texas for the 46th Annual Convention of the TS&GRA. The Hotel Texas will be the meeting headquarters where registration will begin Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock on the mezzanine floor and will continue through Monday until Tuesday noon. Association representatives met recently with the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and a special committee of business men to plan the three-day meeting. A full agenda of business is planned for the Association and the Ladies Auxiliary which will include discussions on several problems now facing the industry. In addition, well known speakers will be on hand to provide interesting talks for the delegates. Congressman O. C. Fisher of San Angelo; ASPC President Don Clyde of Heber City, Utah; President Penrose B. Metcalfe of San Angelo, National Wool Growers Association; and Dr. Harold P. Lundgren, Chief of the Wool and Mohair Laboratory, USDA, of Albany, California. Also a speaker who made an outstanding address to the Kiwanis Convention in San Angelo recently, Dr. Henry M. Johnson of Fort Worth, will speak at the membership

Entertainment will include a reception and dance Monday evening, the annual membership Banquet Tuesday evening, and a special luncheon for the ladies. An interesting event for this year's meeting will be a lamb demonstration at the Fort Worth Stock Yards and Armour & Company. Growers will be able to see live lambs prior to slaughter and lambs from the same lot slaughtered previously in carcass form and even down to the retail cuts in the coolers. Armour and U. S. graders will be present for the demonstration to give growers information on grading standards.

Lunch will be served to those attending the demonstration in order that they will have more time to spend at the stock yards and packing house.

In keeping with the custom of the Association, lamb will be served for this and the other luncheons and membership banquet.

A complete program of meeting activities will be carried in the next issue of the Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine and information provided the members by news releases in their hometown newspapers. You are encouraged to commence making room reservations by contacting the Reservation Clerk, Hotel Texas



## From Your Association Office

By TOM WALLACE **Executive Secretary** 

### **District Meetings**

INTEREST IN district meetings has been high this year, and during the month of October nearly 800 members and directors attended five district meetings. (See pictures elsewhere in this issue.) New members were added to the Association in these meetings, and a large supply of gate signs were sold. The programs of the Association were explained and several well known officials, including Congressman O. C. Fisher of San Angelo, Representative James Nugent of Kerrville, and Representative Ray Bartram of New Braunfels, spoke on legislative matters of interest to the sheep

and goat industry. The screw worm fly eradication program and the increase in the service of the Association to the membership were subjects of discussion which received considerable interest during the meeting. The Field Representative theft inspection and tattoo identification program for sheep and goats has worked very well in bringing the protective services of the Association to the individual grower. This was brought out at the meeting, along with other Association programs.

Two districts of the Association have not as yet planned meetings, but we hope will make arrangements to meet during the month of November. The October meetings were held in Brackettville (District 3), Boerne (District 8), Sterling City (District 2), San Saba (District 7), Uvalde (District 6). Considerable enthusiasm was expressed by members in planning similar meetings next year. These meetings have benefitted the Association in many ways, particularly in encouraging interest for Association work at the local level.

## Report From the Field Representative

Your Association Field Representative, Frank Fenton, of Coleman, has provided a report on his theft work covering the past four months. This report involves 1,483 head of reported stolen or strayed sheep and goats in 13 counties. Of this number, Mr.

Fenton was instrumental in cooperating with local authorities on recovering 308 head. One wool bag theft from Roddie Scouring Company in Brady has resulted in a two-year suspended sentence for the defendant, following Mr. Fenton's action on this case. On October 23 the 42nd District grand jury in Baird, Texas, returned six goat theft indictments and three cow theft indictments involving three subjects. Charges have been filed on two of the subjects in Taylor County and one in Eastland County. Mr. Fenton worked on these cases over a long period of time with local and state law enforcement authorities.

In addition to theft work, your Field Representative reports 200 new members that he has signed up.

#### **Association Gate Signs**

Over 1,000 new TS&GRA gate signs have been sold and distributed to growers over a widespread area of the sheep and goat country. Most of the signs have been sold to members at the recent district meetings: however, members who have not bought signs may order them from the Association office at any time. The signs sell for \$1.00 each and include mailing charges.

Let your neighbors know that you are interested in promoting your organization by placing these TS&GRA signs on your ranch. Don't forget that behind the signs goes the protection

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Work To Be Done Improving Quality and Length

# More Quality Needed In Texas Mohair

By VERNON CLEGG \* Chas. Hanson & Co., Ltd. Keighley, Yorks

THERE IS little need to remind Texas ranchers that their combined efforts are currently producing practically one-half of the world's mohair. This is as it should be, for Texas has acquired a reputation for doing things in a big way, so it is proper that they should produce more mohair than anyone else in the world.

Mere quantity alone, however, is not enough. If Texas' claim is to be worth anything at all it must be supported by the best quality in the world, and it is toward this end that ranchers should be directing their efforts. After all, mohair is a quality fiber and, as such, it commands a better price, which tends to restrict its

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We cannot, and would not, pre-

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sume to tell the growers of Texas, or any other producing country for that matter, how to run their ranches. That is their business and they know their business better than we do. But we can tell them what our requirements are for the markets we serve, and that is the purpose of this article. It seems to us that cooperation between grower and consumer must be to the ultimate benefit of all. If the grower knows the markets he is producing for he is better able to produce the right kind of hair. And if the consumer knows that the grower is mak-

use to luxury markets. In those cir-

cumstances it is no use trying to get

away with inferior quality raw ma-

Growers Need to Know

ing a determined effort to give him what he wants he has greater confidence to buy in that market.

## Staple Length of Mohair

One of the first requirements the mohair spinner looks for is staple length of fiber. Ideally this should be around 7" though he can get by with 6"; anything less than 5", however, for use on the normal standard open drawing and spinning machinery will create endless trouble. Apart from silk, mohair is the most lustrous of animal fiber. This does, however, have a slight drawback, as the processing of mohair is not easy. The utmost care and attention must be given in fiber control, due to mohair's comparatively straight, stiff and slippery composition. It must be remembered that the highly serrated surface of wool tends to enhance frictional retardation in drafting, when the fibers are being drawn over each other, which tend to cling to each other. This is not the case in mohair and the result of attempting to spin mohair which is too short in length is that ends of yarn are constantly breaking down in the spinning and subsequent processes which reduces output and increases costs; labor employed on the work gets extremely disconsolate and either requests easier work or leaves the firm entirely: an excessive number of knots appear in the yarn which makes it unsuitable for many uses, e.g., branded knitting wools, and creates excessive work in the mending of woven piece goods; and finally there is a lack of evenness in the yarn which is fatal, creating as it does lack of confidence in the spinner's cus-

In general, Texas hair of today is too short for satisfactory spinning on the worsted principle. Whilst the hair obtained from mutton Angoras does meet this deficiency as regards length

it is only at the expense of sacrificing quality.

#### **Grease Content**

Next, there is the grease content, and to illustrate the effect which this has on the price your customer is prepared to pay, it is necessary to consider briefly what happens to the hair after shipment. It may be sorted or bulked but either way it is combed into a "top" which consists of a long, sliver of paralleled fibers about the thickness of a child's wrist and weighing 10-12 pounds. This is the raw material of the spinning mill which proceeds to draw out the fiber in a series of drawing and spinning processes, each reducing the thickness until a yarn of the required thickness (or count as it is called) is obtained.

The job of the comber is to wash the raw material and take out from it all the grease and other foreign matter

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## HIGH LAND VALUES

FARM LAND values in the U. S., after leveling off during most of 1960, again have turned upward. The increase from November 1960 to March 1961 in both Texas and the U.S. was two percent. The national index in March 1961 stood at 175 percent of the 1947-49 level, and a new record

Expected increases in returns from land due to increases in support prices for many crops and the new feed grain program providing payments for retiring land have contributed to the recent increase in land prices.

#### GOOD ADVICE

"IT IS unwise to pay too much, but it's worse to pay too little. When you pay too much, you lose a little money that is all. When you pay too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot — it can't be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well to add something for the risk you run, and if you do that you will have enough to pay for some--John Ruskin thing better."

## MORE TIMELY NOW

"SHOULD THE time ever arrive when the state governments shall look to the Federal Treasury for the means of supporting themselves and maintaining their systems of education and internal policy, the character of both governments will be greatly deteriorated." -James Buchanan, 1859

# From Your Association Office

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of the Association in offering a reward of \$500 to an individual providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of someone stealing sheep and goats from the Association members, and Mr. Fenton's work further stands behind the protective services to the Association member.

## Lamb Roadside Signs

The American Sheep Producers Council has developed a new promotion idea in which growers may participate to promote lamb. A very attractive 4 x 8, six-color, all-metal sign to be placed on ranches along road-sides is available on order from the A. S. P. C. at a cost of \$12.50 each. The sign is made of 26-gauge steel, protected with a preservative and backed with a rigid wood frame. The price of \$12.50 includes shipping charges.

Contact the American Sheep Producers Council, 520 Railway Exchange, 909 17th Street, Denver 2, Colorado, for pamphlets and order blanks on signs.

## Screw Worm Fly Eradication

Trustees of the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation met in Dallas, October 16 to discuss progress to date in launching a program to eradicate the costly screw worm pest from our Southwest livestock industry. Representatives of the Animal Disease Eradication Branch, USDA, and the Texas Animal Health Commission met with the group to discuss the program.

The full Board of Directors will be designated very shortly to administer the fund-raising and other details of the program. Each segment of the livestock industry will be represented on the Board of Directors. President Charles Schreiner has advised the foundation that T. A. Kincaid of Ozona and Alvie Cole of Sterling City will represent the sheep growers and Carlton Godbold of Leakey will serve the interests of the Angora goat raisers.

The foundation is asking 50c per animal unit in voluntary contributions from the producers to raise state funds and then will solicit matching funds from the federal government to complete the program. Many counties have already reported progress on their fund drives. The county agricultural agents and vocational agriculture teachers are working with county producer committees to carry out the fund drives in the counties. A complete information kit on the program was mailed this last week by the Extension service to the county agents, and the counties which have not met to date should be meeting in the near



"Look, Dear! What a cute little girl."

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will pay a reward of \$500.00 for information leading to arrest and final conviction of anyone stealing sheep or goats from a member or members of the Association. Law enforcement officers are excluded from this offer. The information must be furnished to any law enforcement officer or to the Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at its office, 233 W. Twohig, San Angelo, Texas. Telephone 655-6242 or 653-5612.

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## More Quality Needed in Mohair

(Continued from page 5) before making his "top." Thus, at a given price of raw material, it will be obvious that, the higher the grease content, the lower will be the weight of usable hair and, consequently, the higher will be the ultimate price of the "top" made. In practice it works the other way around, for the buyer trims the price he can afford to pay to the yield he believes the raw material will produce. That is, the higher the yield, the higher will be his price, and vice versa. For example, ignoring by-products, if a particular carload of hair yields (after taking out 20% of grease) 80% of top, which the spin-ner requires at \$1.60, he could afford to pay, say \$1.00 for the raw material. But if the grease content is as high as 30%, leaving only 70% of top, which he still must have at \$1.60, then for that raw material he will be able to pay only 85 cents.

This must be a matter of prime concern to the rancher who obviously wants to obtain the best possible price for his hair. Conditions prevailing in recent years may have done much to obscure this fact and may have given ranchers a false sense of security about prices. But in the years ahead the economics of the situation alone will determine that those who produce the most grease-free hair will secure the best prices for it. In times of heavy demand such as we have seen recently this may be overlooked but not for long, and producers should be always ready to meet the situation when it changes.

"His first word was one he picked up from you.'

Mohair's Popularity

It must not be overlooked that mohair's popularity over the last few years has been one of "fashion" and blending with other fibers. As we all know, fashion never lasts forever, but comes around again, often when the

producer and manufacturer are not prepared for a comeback. However, the characteristics of the hair from the Angora goat do, thank goodness, make it unique for traditional mohair fabrics, which have been and still are renowned the world over. It may well

be that in the near future we will see an increase in these fabrics which can only be processed if a sufficient length is there for correct spinning

and weaving.

Of course the figures quoted above over-simplify the calculations, since by-products do arise in the form of "noils" which are extra short fibers taken out in combing. These have to be disposed of to markets having a use for them, such as the woolen trade, and their residual value affects the calculations and is dependent upon conditions prevailing at the time. There is also waste which has an even lower residual value. But the figures given serve adequately to illustrate the point being made.

## Softness and Handle

Finally, on softness and handle. Mohair produced in Texas handles as well as that produced anywhere else in the world. It is soft in texture and, therefore, ideally suited to the manufacture of a wide range of fashion goods worn next to the skin, such as ladies' evening stoles and scarves. But this particular quality in which Texas excells also is disadvantageous in other respects. For example, pile fabrics and toy cloths require resilient yarns which stand upright even with hard wear, otherwise the fabric takes on a mushy appearance and soon begins to look shabby and worn. Due to this softness. Texas hair does not compare favorably with Cape and Turkey mohair, but there is no reason why careful breeding and care in feeding should not produce a comparable

Breeding probably is the key to practically everything that has been said above. It will take some courage and plenty of interest in the future well being of the mohair industry for ranchers to concentrate on the better members of their flocks and discard the others. But, taking the long view, this is without doubt the policy to adopt and the one which will pay off in the long run.

Visits which we have made to Texas during the past fifteen months have shown that there is an awareness of these deficiencies in Texas mohair, which, in certain quarters, is accompanied by a keen desire to actively pursue a policy of rectification. We must always be mindful of the everincreasing field of highly publicized and heavily backed synthetics. However, only by sincere, energetic cooperation between all sections of the mohair industry can the present successful road to prosperity continue to thrive throughout the world. We, as processors, have every confidence in the future. It is hoped that Miss Mohair's coronation gown would help to illustrate on August 3, last, in Fredericksburg, that there is really no end to the uses and number of magnificent new fabrics that can be created from mohair for successful introduction into the ever-changing markets of today.

Having put these few words into writing, we do hope that the Texas Angora ranchers share our views, and that they will endeavor to produce quality, combined with a suitable length, in the interest of the future prosperity of the Angora goat.

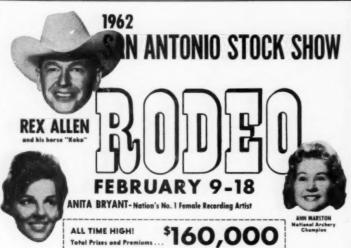
## CROCKETT COUNTY RAISES SCREW WORM **ERADICATION FUNDS**

SOME 130 Crockett County ranchmen have contributed a total of \$27,-346 late in October to the fund for financing a program for the complete eradication of the screw worm. Between 50 and 75 stockmen in the county had at that time not sent in their donations, according to Crockett County's solicitation committee.

Wayne W. West of Ozona is chairman of the committee, and Joe Tom Davidson, also of Ozona, is vicechairman.

The Crockett County donations will become a part of the \$3,000,000 that stockmen of the Southwest hope to raise for the huge screw worm elimination program.

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In the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, Wayne and Lois Dunlap of Nogal, New Mexico, had champion Rambouillet ram and champion Rambouillet ewe. First place individual Rambouillet ewe was owned by Edgar Green, Cubero, New Mexico.

We welcome the following new members into the Association: Bill Murdoch, Hamilton, Texas; Martin Bundick, Plains, Texas; Gary Wendt, Castle Rock, South Dakota; Gerald Porter, Fort Stockton, Texas, and Wilton Brown, Menard, Texas. We are very happy to add these registered Rambouillet breeders to our member-

At the Illinois State Fair, in the Rambouillet class, O. A. Wright, Greenwood, Indiana, had champion ram, champion ewe and reserve champion ewe. C. P. Harding, Sigel, Illinois, had reserve champion ram. O. A. Wright received the premier breeder

## Houston Makes Plans for Big Sheep Show

EXHIBITORS OF eleven breeds of sheep will compete at the 1962 Houston Livestock Show on February 21 through March 4 for \$12,698 in premiums and special awards, according to a recent announcement by show president Neill T. Masterson, Jr.

Rambouillet, Corriedale, Delaine-Merino, Columbia, Suffolk, South-down, Hampshire, Shropshire, Cheviot, Montadale, and Dorset sheep will be entered in the Houston Sheep Show. The open show will be held during the first week and the junior show during the second week of the 1962 Houston Livestock Show. The deadline for entries is December 31, 1961.

Open Breeding Sheep Show will offer \$6,569 in premiums; the Junior Breeding Sheep Show, \$4,621; and

the Junior Fat Lamb Show will award \$1,168 in premiums. Additional special awards of cash and trophies will also be presented.

Open Breeding Show superintendent will be R. A. Hanson, Jr., of San Angelo, and Frank Orts of the Animal Husbandry Department, Texas A. & M. College, College Station, will be assistant superintendent.

Superintendent of the Junior Division of the Breeding Sheep Show will be Don Jobes, Jr., vocational agriculture teacher of Cypress, Texas. J. W. Stufflebeme, Jr., County Agri-cultural Agent of Brenham, Texas, will be assistant superintendent of the Junior Breeding Sheep event.

Fat Lamb Show superintendent will Tiner, consultant, Young Farmer Education, Texas Education

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Stanley Lackey of Junction, who has favored Debouillet sheep for many years, was a buyer of five good rams at the recent A. D. Jones Estate Debouillet Sale near Tatum, New Mex-"I like them a lot; the Debouillets are doing well," Mr. Lackey declared. Texas buyers were very prominent at the Jones Estate sale.

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Frank Childress

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TWO OZONA High School seniors, Frank Childress and Bill Jacoby, have been named recipients of state awards for their outstanding 4-H Club work and trips to the 40th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago on November 26-30.

Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress, was the winner of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association's 1961 Texas Sheep and Goat and Wool and Mohair Award. The program, designed to develop and promote knowledge and efficiency in the production of sheep and goats and the fibers they produce, also includes medallion awards which are donated by the Association for county winners. Frank Childress is the third Crockett County young person to win the state award in succession, Pam Jones having won it in 1960, and Pierce Miller in 1959. The Association will sponsor his trip to Chicago.

#### Bill Jacoby Wins Santa Fe Award

Bill Jacoby will attend the National 4-H Club Congress as a result of his winning the Santa Fe Educational Award, sponsored by the Santa Fe Railroad. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jacoby, Bill will travel to Dallas with Frank Childress, where they will join about thirty other Texas delgates to the National meeting. The delegates will leave Dallas November 24 and return on December 2.

Both Frank Childress and Bill Jacoby have made outstanding records for themselves with their 4-H Club work. The boys have excelled the most perhaps in judging work. Both have been members of six different state championship judging teams. In 1959, Frank and Bill were members of Crockett County 4-H Club's state championship grass judging team at the annual 4-H Club Roundup at Texas A. & M. College. The same year, the boys were members of the State Champion Senior Wool and Mohair Judging Team and were both on the winning Crockett County 4-H team in the wool and livestock judging contests at the Sonora Wool Show. Their team took first place in the 1960 wool judging contest at Sonora. The Crockett County team, of which both boys were members, won first place in the 1961 senior wool, mohair, and range judging events at the First Annual National 4-H Judging Contest at Sonora, and was named top over-all high senior judging team.

In addition to the honors received by the fine Crockett County 4-H judging team, both boys have won numerous high individual awards on district, state, and national levels in various judging contests. In the 1961 National Judging Contest at the Sonora Wool Show, Frank won second place in wool judging and second in range judging. Bill took first place in mohair judging at the National event and third place in range judging.

Frank and Bill have each received the Mother Davidson Trophy, which is awarded each year to the most outstanding 4-H Club member in the county. The boys, who will complete their last year of 4-H work this year, have both attended several district leadership camps and the state range management camp.

County Agent Pete Jacoby has supervised the very successful 4-H Club careers of his son, Bill Jacoby, and Frank Childress. These two very capable young men will undoubtedly be valuable assets to the ranching industry because of their knowledge, progressive ideas, and experience learned through their outstanding 4-H Club

work.

## Letters . . .

## THE LITTLE MAN

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#### **IMPRESSED**

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Thank you.

Milton W. Mallory 536 Graham Street Paris, Texas

## SHEEP FIELD DAY ON MASSIE RANCH

CECIL MASSIE, Killeen Delaine producer, began a sheep selection demonstration under the sponsorship of the Bell County Sheep and Goat Committee last April 13. On that date, a sheep field day was held at the Massie ranch, and his flock was divided into three groups. The large, smooth, open - faced animals with desirable fleeces went into the top group, with sheep of intermediate quality going into the middle group, and poorer quality Delaines into the bottom group.

Massie can already see results in the three groups, even though it usually takes much longer to recognize marked differences. The forty-five Delaines in the top group sheared an average of 8.4 pounds of fine quality. long fleeces. The forty-one second group animals sheared 9.5 pounds per head, but not as good quality wool as group one. The bottom group

sheared only 6.5 pounds per head. Massie noted after shearing that his group one ewes had better body conformation than the animals in the other groups," which should result in a better lamb crop from this group this year. The ability of a ewe to produce top-quality lambs is of prime importance in the selection program, since the producer makes about two-thirds of his income from the lamb crop and one-third from wool production. After seeing production results, Massie has already started culling and selling the group three ewes.

Don Decker is Bell County Agent.

The W. O. Gross ranch in Runnels

County, reported sold in September, consisting of 8,987 acres, was sold to

Dudley Brothers of Comanche. The

land has been leased by Kenneth E.

Gibson the past several years for the

production of Beefmaster cattle. The

reported sale price was \$60 per acre

and delivery at around the first of the

## IMPORTED MEAT

vear.

APPROXIMATELY 5,000,000 pounds of frozen beef arrived recently from Australia. In July about 10,000,000 pounds of fresh beef and veal reached this country from the same source, along with more than 2,000,000 pounds of lamb and mutton.

But that is only part of the story of import's impact on the domestic meat industry. In July beef imports were more than 25 million pounds from all sources. Lamb and mutton, 2,218,-243 pounds and more than 2,000,000 pounds of fresh pork. Add to this about 16,000,000 pounds of canned meats from Denmark, Holland and Communist - dominated Poland and the picture is even darker.

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But that is not all. Reputable sources indicate that even more meat is to invade the domestic markets.

Our government, especially those brilliant economists in the State Department, seem determined to export the jobs of domestic meat producers as they are doing the workers of the steel industry, the textile trade and scores of others, speeding it along with the grease of monstrous foreign "Aid" give away.

## Sheep Growers Shape Up Their Herds for Increased Profits

NEW MEXICO sheep growers ordinarily select their fall breeding groups in the spring of the year, but the final shape-up should be done after lamb separation time in the fall. In the spring of the year, the wool squeeze machine is used to select for high fleece producing sheep with a great deal of attention being paid to staple length and grade of the wool.

Most wool growers make their final selection for their breeding herds between the time the lambs are weaned and the rams are turned in for fall breeding, says J. R. Stauder, sheep specialist with the New Mexico State University Extension Service. More attention is given to body conformation and other characteristics at this time of the year than at any other.

Broken mouth ewes and gummers are usually cut out to go to market with the lambs. Also, those ewes with spoiled udders, over- or under-shot jaws, ewes with black or brown spots, and those ewes that did not measure up to specifications at the spring shearing are culled.

Most New Mexico sheep and wool growers in the sheep improvement program select the top 10 percent of their breeding ewes to produce replacement rams. This top 10 percent is usually called the super ewes and different percentages may be used to make up the A and B and sometimes C breeding groups. Replacement ewe lambs are usually taken from the top 50 percent of the entire herd.

Research Report No. 31 of the Agricultural Experiment Station of New Mexico State University gives a breakdown of the different percent combinations and the results. Extreme care is used in selecting the top rams to go with the top ewes.

During past 20 years, this type of breeding program has returned great dividends to participating sheep producers, Stauder says. Over 53 percent of the sheep producers in New Mexico are known to be using a selective breeding program. There are probably a great many more who are using a modified system or are purchasing their replacement rams from those who are already in the program.

It is reported that the Eunice Parramore ranch 20 miles southwest of Sweetwater has been sold.

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## **Texas Delaine News**

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE BREEDERS who were present for the Delaine show at the State Fair will agree that the sheep on exhibition for both adult and junior shows were of top quality and in exceptionally good show condition. There is some difference in ages of lambs that makes some show to a disadvantage at this time, but each breeder who participated in this fine show is to be highly commended for a very good job. Ivan Watson of New Mexico served in the capacity of judge, and he did a very good and thorough job. A. C. Lindeman swept the adult show with both champions and by winning the premier exhibitor award. Donald Bradford had both reserves with some exceptionally good lambs. Chris Berger made a grand sweep of the junior show by having the champions and reserves and winning the Delaine trophy. We are exceedingly proud of the other boys and girls who were doing such a fine job of fitting and showing their sheep, and for some it was a first attempt. These were Marilyn and Edward Secor, Ingram; Krischina and Norman Kohls, Boerne, and our little friend of many years, Rodney Kott, Kerrville. We are hoping to see a lot more of these young breeders in the future, and congratulations on a job very well done!

The many friends of Joe LeMay will be happy to know that he is improving following a long and serious illness this summer that required major surgery. Joe is at home now, and is very slowly but gradually assuming a few of his many activities. We hope that he will soon be better than ever, and all will be looking forward to seeing him about again.

Harold Bragg and wife, Helen, have had to move over and let the new boss at their house take command. We are very happy young Michael Harold is in our fold, and we will be greatly disappointed if he doesn't make another exceptional sheep man!

Paula and Gary Beach, O'Donnell, are still making additional purchases of foundation ewes, and we are looking forward with interest to their future ventures. They recently purchased ewes from the C. F. Sappington flock.

We would also like to welcome the following new members: Alvis Lee, Moline; Gary Mayes and Roland Pfeiffer, Boerne FFA; Kay Petsick, Gatesville; Cheryl Gwynn Cook, Austin. George Mayben, Pottsville, purchased eleven ewes from M. C. Kavitzsch, Indian Gap, to add to his flock, and Kenneth Nickel, Boerne, purchased ewes from L. & W. Steubing, along with Gary and Roland, and added to his flock. Kay's ewes were from Rudd Brothers, and Cheryl's were from T. R. Tomlinson's.

We are always happy to note the happenings of interest to our breeders, and we are exceptionally proud of some of the outstanding accomplishments of our junior breeders. Richard Powell was recently awarded the Lone Star Farmer Degree for his exceptional record of achievements in

FFA. We are very proud of Richard's work and efforts in the junior breeding sheep shows, and also his record as a fat lamb feeder. Richard is a senior in Fort Stockton and is on the football team, along with many other activities, to round out a very busy schedule. We feel sure that college will not end his sheep showing, as little sister, Brenda, is around now and helps with the feeding and fitting. She, too, made a nice showing the past year in fat lambs and breeding sheep.

Again, if you are planning to show, be sure that your records are in good standing with this association. Don't wait until show time and cause any hard feeling or embarrassment to anyone, please.

## COOPERATION NEEDED DECLARES SWIFT REPRESENTATIVE

TOM GLAZE, head of the Agricultural Research Division of Swift and Company, has written letters to this magazine and friends and customers of Swift and Company with reference to charges recently brought by the Department of Agriculture regarding lamb purchases.

Mr. Glaze declared that his company was never notified of the action of the Department of Agriculture; that the first the company knew of the charge was when Department's news releases appeared in newspapers all over the country. Mr. Glaze declared that his company has not knowingly violated any provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. He stated that the depressed condition of the lamb market is due to a combination of elements and not through any action of the packing company, and that the only solution to the problem would come through cooperative efforts of all branches of the sheep industry and not through "harassment of an important segment of the industry.

## PRODUCERS' SELF-HELP PROGRAM CONTINUED

THE U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the wool and lamb producers' self-help promotion program under the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended, will be financed by deductions from payments for the 1961 marketing year, April 1, 1961, through March 31, 1962. The deduction rates will be one cent per pound from shorn wool payments and five cents per hundred pounds of liveweight from unshorn lamb payments, which are the same rates as those made from payments to producers from the beginning of the program. These funds will be used for advertising, promotional and related market activities on wool and lamb.

This promotion program is executed by agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the American Producers Council, which provides for advertising, etc., under Section 708 of the National Wool Act.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS

THE OFFICIALS of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association have been pleased at the excellent attendance at the various district meetings held by members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

District meetings have had attendance of many family groups and a large number of young people. At several of the meetings, 4-H Club and FFA boys from over the area attended as representing their local organiza-

## From The President's Desk

THE OFFICE staff has now moved into the new Association headquarters located at 233 W. Twohig, San Angelo, and we urge our Directors and members to drop by to visit and look over their new building. The mailing address of the Association will remain the same, Box 1486, and the telephone numbers will be retained — 655-6242, "If busy, dial number 653-5612."

Congratulations are extended to District Chairmen for holding very successful and well-attended district meetings during the month of October. The office reports that nearly 800 Directors and members attended these meetings and that interesting talks and business discussions were held. A discussion on salt water pollution, legislative reports, screw worm fly eradication, lamb marketing investigation, wool and mohair promotion, and general Association activities were fully discussed. New members were added to the Association mem-bership lists and a large number of gate signs were sold and distributed. The two districts which have not met are encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience in order that we might have all eight districts holding meetings.

Appreciation is expressed to Jimmy Powell of Menard, T. A. Kincaid of Ozona, Raymond Hicks of Bandera, and Jerry Puckett of Fort Stockton for their representation of the Association at a recent meeting of the American Sheep Producers Council at Denver, Colorado. Also, they remained in Denver to attend the executive meeting of the National Wool Growers Association called by President Metcalfe. One of the main topics of discussion at the executive committee meeting was the recently-announced USDA lamb Marketing Investigation.

You are reminded of the 46th Annual Convention of your Association which will be held in Fort Worth at the Hotel Texas, December 10-13. The city of Fort Worth is providing excellent facilities and entertainment for this meeting. Friends of our industry and Association are cordially invited to join the Directors and members of the Association for the meeting.

—Charles Schreiner, III



tions. This type of attendance and the interest shown is most encouraging. Exceptional attendance was noted in districts 7 and 8, with approximately 200 ranch people present, with many community leaders. All district meetings showed considerable improvement over last year and some districts are planning more than one meeting for the year.

At most of the meetings the directors of the district for service in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association were nominated. After certification at the annual meeting at Fort Worth, the names will be published.

Some of the districts have yet to hold their meetings. They must be held before the annual convention. Large Attendance for District 6 Meeting

The barbecue a the Uvalde County Club was well attended.

District meetings held and the chairmen elected follow:

District 2, October 14 — Worth Durham, at Sterling City.

District 3, October 7—Tully Pratt, at Brackettville.

District 6, October 24—Raymond Hicks (Bandera), at Uvalde.

District 7, October 19—Col. V. Z. Cornelius (Goldthwaite), at San Saba. District 8, October 11 — Alfred Herbst, at Boerne.

## Splendid Crowd

A big turnout of ranch people sparked the District 7 meeting at San Saba, October 17. Meeting in the auditorium of a spanking new junior high school building, the ranch folk numbering around 225 enjoyed a good barbecue and program.



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# State Fair Sheep and Goat Show Growing

INCREASED INTEREST was evident in both the Angora goat and sheep division of the Pan-American Livestock Exposition at the State Fair of Texas. Pen space was at a premium, and larger-than-usual crowds attended the judging events and visited the barns.

The L. F. and Clinton Hodges Rambouillet flock from Sterling City was very much in evidence during the Rambouillet sheep judging. Clinton showed both the champion ram and champion ewe to continue a long series of wins with his show flock.

In the Angora goat show which has been growing in both entries and popularity at the State Fair, there was a division of championships. Howard Brandenberger of Mason, in his first showing of registered Angora goats, won the championship with his excellent yearling buck. A top buyer at many of the sales this year, Brandenberger had never entered his Angoras in competition until this year's State Fair in Dallas.

The champion Angora doe was exhibited by a partnership composed of Speedy Hicks and Mike Pember of Bandera.

A feature of the Junior Delaine show was the clean sweep of all the championships collected by Chris Berger of Sonora.

In the Junior Rambouillet show, Walter Pope of Cisco showed the champion ram. Pope is a newcomer to the ranks and has been doing well. Bill Lindley of Mertzon had the champion ewe.

#### Foster Suffolks in Clean Sweep

William and J. Q. Foster of Sterling City copped all the top honors in the Suffolk division of the State Fair. The Fosters exhibited the champion ram and the champion ewe and both the reserve champions. They also received the premier exhibitor's trophy. Their winning rams were both ram lambs; the champion ewe was a yearling, and the reserve ewe was a ewe lamb.

Duron Howard of Mulhall, Oklahoma, showed one of his Southdown ewes to the championship in the Southdown show in Dallas. He also exhibited the reserve champion ram and ewe. Green Acres Stock Farms of Lockney showed the champion Southdown ram. Howard was named premier exhibitor of the Southdown

W. L. Stangel of Lubbock was general livestock superintendent at this year's Pan-American Livestock Exposition at the State Fair of Texas. J. P. Heath of Argyle was superintendent of the Sheep and Angora Goat Shows.

The Delaine and Rambouillet sheep were judged by Ivan Watson of Roswell, New Mexico, and James A. Gray of San Angelo judged the Columbia sheep and the medium wool breeds. The Angora Goat Show was judged by Armer Earwood of Sonora.

#### Angora Goat Show

Results in the Angora Goat Show included e following:

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BUCK KID—I and 3, Hicks and Pember, anders; 2, Tommy Priour, Mountain Home; and 5, Wilfrod W. Schuster, Priddy, PEN OF 3 BUCK KIDS—I, Hicks and Pemer; 2, Tommy Priour; 3, Schuster; 4, Beckyriour, Mountain Home.

YEARLING BUCK—1, Howard Brandenb ger, Mason; 2, Tommy Priour; 3, Daymo Brandenberger, Mason; 4, Becky Priour; Adam Morriss, Rocksprings.

Adam Morriss, Rocksprings.

DOE KID—1 and 2, Hicks and Pember; 3, Schuster; 4, Wayne Vanwinkle, Iredell; 5, Raymond Brandenberger, Mason, PEN OF 3 DOE KIDS—1, Hicks and Pember; 2, Vanwinkle; 3, Schuster; 4, Tommy Priour, YEARLING DOE—1 and 4, Tommy Priour, 2 and 3, Hicks and Pember; 5, Daymond Brandenberger.

PEN OF 3 YEARLING DOES—1, Hicks and ember; 2, Tommy Priour; 3, Daymond Brand-eberger; 4, Howard Brandenberger.

EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK—1, Hicks and Pember Tommy Priour; 3, Howard Brandenberger Raymond Brandenberger. Raymond Brandenberger.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR—Hicks and Pember,

ndera, Texas.

CHAMPION BUCK—Howard Brandenberger,

CHAMPION DOE-Hicks and Pember RESERVE CHAMPION BUCK - Hicks and

RESERVE CHAMPION DOE—Tommy Priour, ountain Home, Texas.

#### Sheep Show

DELAINE SHEEP — Senior Division
RAM LAMB—I and 2, Donald Bradford, Menard; 3 and 4, G. A. Glimp and Son, Burnet;
5, A. C. Lindeman and Sons, Blanco.



Hodges Shows Champion Rambouillets

Clinton Hodges of Sterling City showed both champions in the Senior Rambouillet show at Dallas. He is holding the champion



Fosters Sweep Suffolks

William and J. W. Foster, Sterling City, won all champions in the Suffolk show at Dallas. The picture shows the champion ram.



Junior Delaine Champion Ram

Chris Berger, 4-H Club member of Sonora, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Berger, is shown with his champion Delaine ram in the Junior show at Dallas. He made a clean sweep of all champions and first places in the Junior show.

PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—1, Bradford; 2, imp and Son; 3, Francis E. Kott, Fredericks-

PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—1, Bradford; 2, Glimp and Son; 3, Francis E. Kott, Fredericksburg.

YEARLING RAM—1 and 2, Lindeman and Sons; 3 and 4, Kott.

EWE LAMB—1 and 3, Bradford; 2, Lindeman and Sons; 4, Glimp and Son; 5, Kott.

PEN OF 3 EWE LAMBS—1, Bradford; 2, Kott; 3, Glimp and Son; 4, Lindeman and Sons.

YEARLING EWE—1 and 2, Lindeman and Sons.

YEARLING EWE—1 and 2, Lindeman and Sons; 3 and 5, Bradford; 4, Kott.

PEN OF 3 YEARLING EWES—1, Kott; 2, Lindeman and Sons; 3, Glimp and Son.

EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK — 1, Lindeman and Sons; 2, Bradford; 3, Kott; 4, Glimp and Son.

PERMIER EXHIBITOR—A. C. Lindeman and Sons, Blanco, Texas.

CHAMPION RAM and CHAMPION EWE—

Sons, Blanco, Texas.

CHAMPION RAM and CHAMPION EWE —
Lindeman and Sons.

Lindeman and Sons.

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM AND EWE—Donald Bradford, Menard, Texas.

DELAINE SHEEP — Junior Division
RAM LAMB—I and 2, Chris Berger, Sonora;
3, Edward Secor, Ingram; 4 and 5, Rodney
Kott, Fredericksburg.
PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—I, Berger; 2, E.
Secor; 3, R. Kott; 4, Norman Kohls, Boerne;
5, Krischina Kohls, Boerne.
EWE LAMB—I and 2, Berger, 3, R. Kott; 4,
Secor Brothers, Ingram; 5, N. Kohls.

PEN OF 3 EWE LAMBS-1, Berger; 2, E. cor; 3, R. Kott; 4, N. Kohls; 5, K. Kohls. LAMB FLOCK, 3 EWES AND 1 RAM, OWNED BY EXHIBITOR—1, Berger; 2, E. Secor; 3, N. Kohls; 4, R. Koft; 5, K. Kohls.

CHAMPION RAM, CHAMPION EWE, RE-SERVE CHAMPION RAM AND EWE — Chris Berger, Sonora, Texas.

#### RAMBOUILLET SHEEP - Senior Division

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RAM LAMB—1, Tom Glasscock, Sonora; 2 and 4, Clinton Hodges, Sterling City; 3, Ovey
Taliaferro, Eden; 5, L. F. Hodges, Sterlins City.

PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—1, Taliaferro; 2, C. Hodges; 3, L. F. Hodges.

YEARLING RAM—1, C. Hodges; 2 and 3, Taliaferro; 4 and 5, Glasscock,

EWE LAMB—1 and 3, Taliaferro; 2 and 5, Glasscock; 4, C. Hodges.

PEN OF 3 EWE LAMBS—1, Taliaferro; 2, Glasscock; 3, L. F. Hodges; 4, C. Hodges.

YEARLING EWE—1 and 2, C. Hodges; 3 and 4, Taliaferro; 5, Glasscock,

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EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK — 1, C. Hodges; 2, Taliaferro; 3, Glasscock.

Taliaferro; 3, Glasscock.
PREMIER EXHIBITOR — Ovey Taliaferro,
Eden, Texas.
CHAMPION RAM AND CHAMPION EWE —
Clinton Hodges, Sterling City, Texas.
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM AND EWE —
Ovey Taliaferro, Eden, Texas.

### RAMBOUILLET SHEEP - Junior Division

RAM LAMB—1, Walter Pope, Cisco; 2, Jimmy McCollum, Menard; 3 and 4, Betty Jo Barrett, Sterling City; 5, Baylis Pope, Cross Plains. PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—1, W. Pope; 2, Miss Barrett; 3, McCollum.

EWE LAMB-1 and 3, Bill Lindley, Mertzon; 2 and 5, Miss Barrett; 4, B. Pope.

PEN OF 3 EWE LAMBS—1, Miss Barrett; 2, B, Pope; 3, W. Pope; 4, McCollum.

B. Pope; 3, W. Pope; 4, McCollum.

LAMB FLOCK, 3 EWES AND 1 RAM,
OWNED BY EXHIBITOR—1, Miss Barrett; 2,
B. Pope; 3, W. Pope; 4, McCollum.
PREMIER EXHIBITOR — Betty Jo Barrett,
Sterling City, Texas.

CHAMPION RAM — Walter Pope, Cisco, Texas.

CHAMPION EWE — Bill Lindley, Mertzon, Texas.

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM—Jimmy McCol-m, Menard, Texas. RESERVE CHAMPION EWE—Betty Jo Bar-rett, Sterling City, Texas.

#### COLUMBIA SHEEP

RAM LAMB—1 and 5, L. A. Nordan, Boerne; and 4, Lewis Schultz, Kerrville; 3, Melody rowell, Menard. PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS — 1, Nordan; 2,

YEARLING RAM-1 and 3, Schultz; 2 and

EWE LAMB—1 and 2, Nordan; 3 and 4, iss Crowell; 5, Schultz.

pen OF 3 EWE LAMBS—1, Nordan; 2, Miss rowell; 5, Schultz.

PEN OF 3 EWE LAMBS—1, Nordan; 2, Miss rowell; 3, Schultz; 3 and Nordan; 5, Miss Crowell.

PEN OF 3 YEARLING EWES—1, Schultz; 2, ordan; 3, Miss Crowell.

EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK—1, Nordan; 2, Schultz; , Miss Crowell.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR - L. A. Nordan,

CHAMPION RAM AND EWE AND RESERVE CHAMPION EWE — Lewis Schultz, Kerrville,

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM-L. A. Nordan,

#### HAMPSHIRE SHEEP

RAM LAMB-1 and 4, Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano; 2 and 3, Glen Armentrout and Son,



## Champion Southdown Ram

The Green Acres Stock Farm, Lockney, Texas, showed the champion Southdown ram.



## Champion Southdown Ewe

Duron Howard of Mulhall, Oklahoma, veteran Southdown breeder, is shown with his champion ewe at Dallas.

Norborne, Missouri; 5, Charles M. Brink, Olathe,

ansas.
PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—1, Armentrout and on; 2, Mrs. Wilson; 3, Brink; 4, Henry Moehle nd Sons, Enid, Oklahoma; 5, Fred Foy, Baird. YEARLING RAM—1, Moehle and Sons; 2 and 4, Armentrout and Son; 3, Brink; 5, Mrs.

EWE LAMB-1 and 5, Armentrout and Son; Brink; 3 and 4, Mrs. Wilson. 2,

PEN OF 3 EWE LAMBS—1, Armentrout and in; 2, Mrs. Wilson; 3, Brink; 4, Moehle and ins; 5, Foy.

YEARLING EWE-1 and 4, Armentrout and on; 2, Moehle and Sons; 3, Brink; 5, Mrs.

PEN OF 3 YEARLING EWES-1, Armentrout of Son; 2, Mrs. Wilson; 3, Brink; 4, Moehle

EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK — 1, Armentrout and in: 2, Moehle and Sons; 3, Mrs. Wilson; 4,

PREMIER EXHIBITOR—Glen Armentrout and CHAMPION RAM AND RESERVE CHAM-PION EWE—Henry Moehle and Sons, Enid. Oklahoma.

(Continued on page 14)



## Senior Delaine Champion

C. Lindeman of Blanco is shown with his champion Delaine



## Champion Buck at the State Fair

Howard Brandenberger of Mason, a newcomer to the show ring, exhibited the champion Angora buck at the Pan-American Exposition at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.



#### Champion Doe

Hicks and Pember of Bandera showed the champion Angora doe in this year's Angora show at Dallas.



James Rutledge, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rutledge of Girvin, is pictured holding his Grand Champion Lamb of the Junior Lamb Show at the State Fair of Texas. The 90-pound, 10-month-old Southdown lamb was purchased for \$3.50 per pound by the Hotel Adolphus. Fred Brown, resident manager of the hotel, is pictured with the Upton County 4-H Club youth and the lamb. Young Rutledge showed his lamb to the Grand Championship in the event in which over 250 lambs were

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## Lamb Show Winners at the State Fair of Texas

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GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — James Rutledge, Girvin, Southdown.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB —
Bob Kropp, 14, son of Hall Kropp, and a
member of the Lockney 4-H Club, showed a
9-month-old Southdown.

CHAMPION FINE OR LONG WOOL LAMB—
Terry Isbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Isbell,
and a member of the Ballinger FFA Chapter,
showed a 9-month-old Corriedale.

RESERVE CHAMPION FINE OR LONG WOOL
LAMB—Donald Makuta, 15, son of Dr. T.
Morris, and a member of the Santa Anna FFA
Chapter, showed a one-year-old Rambouilfet.
CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL LAMB—James
Rutledge, Girvin, Southdown.

CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL LONG RUTING, SUNTHOWN, RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL LAMB —Bob Kropp, Lockney, Southdown. JUNIOR LAMB SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST —Bob Kropp, Lockney.

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PUREBRED, GRADE, OR CROSSBRED — Terry
Isbell, Ballinger, first place of 15.
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of five.

BRED — Charles Wright, Ballinger, 11731 prace of five.

SUFFOLK CROSSBRED—Gary Pittard, Gouldbusk, first place of 35 entries.

SUFFOLK PUREBRED OR GRADE — Danny Baxter, Midland, first place of 15 entries.

HAMPSHIRE CROSSBRED — Gary Pittard, Gouldbusk, first place of 30 MR Pittard, Gouldbusk, first of 20.

SHROPSHIRE PUREBRED OR GRADE—Bobby Tom Bailey, Ballinger, first of 10.

AMERICAN HAMPSHIRE SHEEP ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL) — Jimmie Crawford, Big Spring, first of five.

SOUTHDOWN CROSSBRED—Dave Hall, Balanger, first of 20.

SOUTHDOWN PUREBRED OR GRADE — James Rutledge, first of 20.

## State Fair Show

(Continued from page 13)

CHAMPION EWE AND RESERVE CHAM-PION RAM—Glen Armentrout and Son, Nor-borne, Missouri.

SUFFOLK SHEEP

RAM LAMB—1 and 2, William and J. Q. Foster, Sterling City; 3 and 4, C. W. Hunter and Son, Blanco; 5, Dwight Stone, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS — 1, Fosters; 2, Hunter and Son; 3, Jack Patterson, Alex, Oklahoma; 4, Stone.

Hunter and Son; 3, Jack Patterson, Alex, Oklahoma; 4, Stone.
YEARLING RAM—I, Fosters; 2, Patterson; 3, Hunter and Son; 4, Odie Dan Wright, Menard; 5, Harrison Davis, Dorchester.
EWE LAMB—I and 5, Fosters; 2 and 4, Stone; 3, Patterson, 4, Hunter and Son; 5, Davis.
YEARLING EWE—I and 2, Fosters; 3 and 4, Stone; 5, Patterson, 4, Event and Son; 5, Davis.
YEARLING EWE—I and 2, Fosters; 3 and 4, Stone; 5, Patterson; 4, Davis.
PEN OF 3 YEARLING EWES—I, Stone; 2, Fosters; 7, Patterson; 4, Davis.
PREMIER EXHIBITOR William and J. Q. Foster, Sterling City, Texas.
CHAMPION RAM AND EWE—William and J. Q. Foster, Sterling City, Texas.

SOUTHDOWN SHEEP

DUTHDOWN SHEEP

RAM LAMB—1, Green Acres Stock Farms, ockney; 2 and 3, Howard Southdowns, Mulali, Oklahoma; 4, Henry Moehle and Sons, nid, Oklahoma; 5, Newell Ballard, Seagoville.

PEN OF 3 RAM LAMBS—1, Howard Southowns; 2, Green Acres Stock Farms; 3, Moehle nd Sons; 4, Randy Cummings, Lyndon, Kansas.

YEARLING RAM—1 and 4, Green Acres tock Farms—2 and 3, Howard Southdowns; Moehle and Sons.

EWE LAMB—1 and 2, Howard Southdowns; Moehle and Sons; 4 and 5, Green Acres

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# Angora Goat Notes

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Angra goat breeders brought out an old timer of the industry. She is Mrs. Bob Davis of Rio Frio, whose husband was the late Bob Davis, veteran breeder and past president of the association. Still in good health, Mrs. Davis is also active in ranch work.

Several Angora goat breeders expressed the opinion recently that too few goat men are participating in mohair promotion and that more should contribute to a fund for this purpose. No action has been taken in any organization to get such industry-wide cooperation but a study is being made.

One girl has been named "Miss Mohair" for 1961-1962. Her name will be announced soon. Three lovely girls competed seriously for this job, which although quite an honor is likewise most strenuous, time consuming and somewhat nerve wracking. All the girls have done a wonderful job for the Angora goat industry. The two losers for this year deserve the sincere appreciation of every grower in the industry. The winner deserves cooperation, financial support and congratulations.

Charles W. Nichols, son of the LeRoy Nichols of Leakey, is pursuing a doctor's degree at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, which educational institution is drawing an increasing number of young people from the ranch industry of Texas. Another Texas boy, Hudson Glimp of Burnet, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Glimp, likewise is after a doctor's degree at the same institution. Both are studying animal science. Best of luck to both.

A committee is to be appointed soon by H. R. Sites, President of the Angora Goat Breeders Association, to study a change in the registration form for goats. A recommendation is expected by the next annual meeting.

Much effort is being made to see that a good attendance from the goat raising area of the state is present at the annual meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at Fort Worth, December 10-13. Members are stressing among their neighbors the fact that this annual convention is for all growers and not just for association officials or directors. And the meeting will be worth attending.

Angora goat breeders in the state are somewhat puzzled and some are angry because so little experimental work is being done in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, by the Experiment Stations or any other organization in this country. The fact is, according to the belief of many, no research work at all is being done by any organization for this industry. Some Angora goat breeders vow that this situation must be corrected.

The loss of freshly shorn goats this year has been spotted. None the less some growers have suffered severely. Freshly shorn sheep were also killed by chilling down in the cold rains which fell in late summer. The growers don't like to talk about these losses.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hampton of Normandy are still getting around to the meetings of Angora goat raisers. Mr. Hampton, a veteran breeder of many years standing sold out a number of years ago to S. S. Shanklin of Rocksprings. Mrs. Shanklin is a daughter of Mr. Hampton and the late Mrs. Hampton. Mrs. Claudine Bourland, former secretary of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association. and Mr. Hampton were married several years ago and moved to retire at Normandy. While now up in years, Mr. Hampton is still active and in fairly good health.

## AUSTRALIAN VISITS TEXAS

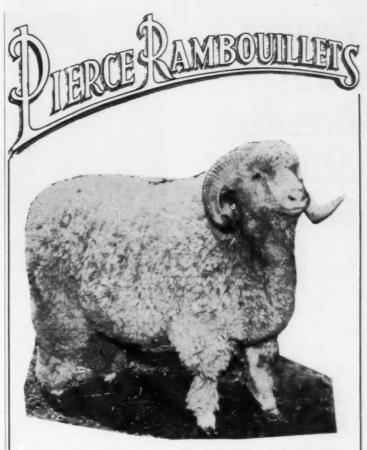
MIKE McBRIDE, a young Australian, visited Texas in October. He was a guest on the E. S. Mayer ranch at Sonora for several days and spent one day at the State Fair in Dallas.

Mr. McBride, a young man in his 20's, is a son of M. P. McBride of Menindee, New South Wales, which is some 700 miles west of Sydney. He and his father run some 10,000 breeding ewes on the ranch, which is one of the major sheep operations in that country. The elder McBride was a former executive of the International Wool Secretariat, several times visitor to Texas and well known in sheep circles all over the world. A few years ago he married the former Mary North of the Wool Bureau of New York City. They now have a young son.

Young McBride was particularly interested in Angora goats, which because of possible bluetongue infestation are now barred from Australia.

One of the facets of Australian sheep production unknown in this country is the herding of sheep on a motorcycle. "It saves a lot of time, it is faster than horseback and is much more economical. With a dog and motorcycle we can get much more done than several men on horseback. Of course," he said, "there is always a danger of going over the handlebars and breaking your neck, but then," Mike declares, "you can get thrown off a horse, too."

B. W. Allred of the Farm and Ranch Planning Division of the United States Department of Agriculture and a well known writer has been named National Staff Specialist for Range Conservation in the USDA's Plant Technology Division. Mr. Allred assumed his new position on September 3 when he succeeded Frederick G. Renner, who had retired.



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# Angora Goat Breeders Mark Up Good Year

AN UNUSUALLY large attendance featured the 62nd annual meeting of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association at Rocksprings on October 17.

The registered Angora goat breeders listened attentively as Mrs. Thos. L. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer, indicated that the Record Association made a net profit from operations for the fiscal year of \$1,196.18. There were 10,578 goats registered at the regular fee of 50 cents and 599 registered at \$1. Four thousand one hundred thirty-seven goats were transferred. Rental income on property owned by the association amounted to \$900. The association's total assets amount to \$19,879.17, of which \$8,406.81 are fixed assets.

President of the organization, H. R. Sites, voiced the sentiments of the membership when he stated he thought the association had made steady and sound growth during the past years.

## Strackbein Featured Speaker

O. R. Strackbein, Washington, D. C., chairman of the Nation Wide Committee on Import-Export Policy, was introduced by Fred Earwood of Sonora and was the featured speaker in the day-long program. Mr. Strack-



## Officials of American Angora Goat Breeders Association

The national record association of Angora goat breeders reelected their officials in a recent meeting. In the center are President H. R. Sites, Wimberly, and Mrs. Thos. L. Taylor, Rocksprings, Secretary-Treasurer. On the left is Vice President David Watters, Goldthwaite, and on the right, Second Vice President Carlton Godbold, Leakey.

bein represents between sixty and seventy associations of industrial and agricultural entities and a number of labor unions, all of which face problems of competing imports. He declared that it was a question of whether Washington interests are more concerned with depressing the standard of living in this country to the level of those of other countries or financing with domestic funds and products the elevation of foreign living standards to that of ours. "In either instance, the taxpayers of this country are suffering and it is our organization's job to try to protect the industry we represent." He said he felt that the objectives of the State Department of this country are apparently running contrary to the sentiments of the maiority of the American people but that internationalism can be coped with only by a thoroughly aroused citizenship. He indicated that he felt that even the membership of labor unions were beginning to voice their antagonism and objections to free trade and liberal ideas of many of their leaders.

Mr. Strackbein pointed out that the interests of the organizations' mem-

bership are as varied as their products; that some need high protective tariff and others none at all. For instance, he said, the Angora goat raisers will sell four-fifths of their mohair outside of the country. It is made into cloth and much of it shipped back to this country for sale. On the other hand, domestic wool producers are faced with imports of woolen fabrics made from foreign fiber which seriously affects the domestic market. No domestic wool is sold for export.

The association voted to take membership in the organization represented by Mr. Strackbein, feeling that while the industry might not at this time need representation it might some time in the future need it desperately.

#### Officials Re-elected

The present officials of the organi-

zation were re-elected unanimously. They are, President, H. R. Sites, Wimberly; First Vice President, David Watters, Goldthwaite; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Thos. L. Taylor, Rocksprings; Second Vice President, C. H. Godbold, Leakey.

A \$300 annual pay raise was voted the Secretary-Treasurer. The Association also voted to contribute \$500 to the program of mohair promotion under the direction of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, involving Miss Mohair.

To encourage more participation in Angora goat breeding the Association voted to offer a revolving trophy at the San Antonio Junior Angora Goat Show for the best participating con-

#### Many New Members Added

Two South Australian breeders were added to the membership list.

## **Directors Meeting**

Most of those shown below are directors of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association. The general membership meeting was well attended — one of the largest crowds in history.



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Mrs. Quag Tofer says this world is full of wimmen that act like cats all through National Dog Week and of men that act like dos in Cat Week.

We hear tell that in some cities restrant coffee has gone to 15 cents. Shucks! Out here you can buy a big glass of locoweed tea for that.

Big fuss over some ball player that hit 60 home runs in one season. Clab Huckey says he has been run out of his home 160 times this season and he wonders if that ain't a record.

Parents used to ruin their childern with no help whatever, but now they've got TV.

The Far Out Pharmacy got in ten coppies of a new maggazeen and didn't sell one. No picture of Jackie or Caroline on the cover. American peo-ple just ain't ready for such violent departures from custom.

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My niece, Deliria, always knew no-body'd marry her for money. Then she learnt that nobody was gonna marry her for love. Says the only real offer she ever had was from a skunk trap-per in need of a strong girl to help him with his need. him with his work.

Quite a few people in the cities have lawns of gravel 'stead of grass. Got the idea from out here, where we have streams of gravel 'stead of water.

On his way home from Washington after an extra-long session of Congress, Sen. Haywire was held up by a traffick jam. It was only temporary to the deep sorrow of his constituents.

My little granddaughter, Bramble, is puzzled about what united means. "Is everything that's united all split to pieces like the United Nations," she asked me last night.

Early in life, Poke Easley resolved never to take a vacation. That was when he first heard that between evry two vacations comes a spell of

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bank, but others keep right on as long as they have ink in their fountain pens.

Neighbors never listen in when I phone. Ain't a mite intrested in what I say, even if it's said by wire.

Our preacher says the highest ambishun of any of his flock is to set on a foldin' chair in front of a TV with a folded mind.

Most of us would do a lot more unto others as we'd like to be done by, only we're too busy fightin' off them that's tryin' to do us as they wouldn't like to be done by.

Grampaw Whepley has give it a fair trial for more'n 50 years and now he knows scratchin' won't control insects. So he's ready to try somethin' real moddern, \* London purple.

First monkey I ever saw was helpin' an organ grinder. Last one, just this week, was takin' my granddaughter to a dance.

Mrs. Snag Posey bought a sack of chicken feed in town last week, but when she read the label she knew it was too good for poultry. But it was also too good for her menfolks, so the chickens got it after all.

Crime don't pay, but it breaks even and that's more'n you can say for most lines of business.

Fodge Rucker's boy, Shadscale, writes that he has already won a big promotion on that new job of his over by the Paycuss. Don't herd sheep on foot no more. Herds goats on a booro.

STATE



# Sheep Industry Study Pinpoints Solutions

IN A bold move to point the sheep industry "On Target," the directors of the American Sheep Producers Council in early October approved the hiring of one of the nation's top management consultant firms to conduct a study of the sheep industry.

The 39-member board of the nationwide promotion organization, supported by sheep producers, approved the proposed study by McKinsey and Company, not only on the council's promotion program but all facets of the sheep industry.

Don Clyde of Heber City, Utah, president of the ASPC, said the study will be one of the most dynamic and complete ever made of the sheep industry in an effort to evaluate conditions within the industry and give it a new unity of purpose.

McKinsey and Company will gather and evaluate all previous research made on the industry, study all facets of the industry and related industries.

"This study will put the sheep industry on the right track by putting all segments of the industry into their proper perspective," Clyde said. "We must move in the same direction to have a successful sheep industry," he added, "and this study will put not only promotion but other facets on the target.

"The sheep industry is on the go," Clyde declared, "we have gone from words to action."

The study is expected to take from six to eight months. The preliminary report will be made at the ASPC's annual meeting of delegates and directors on March 12 in Denver.

Principal objective of this study is to strengthen the domestic sheep industry. The sheep industry through this study will have a broad view of its probable cempetitive position in the near-term future, and an analysis of the most effective way to strengthen the industry's position. As another important objective, the study will bring together all available data into an integrated report on the industry.

Following completion of the study, emphasis will be placed on encouraging all interested groups to take constructive action for industry improvement:

The study includes: 1. Evaluation, from a commercial point of view, of the place of the sheep industry and all its segments in the national economy; 2. Development for producers of a lamb and wool marketing program from producer through channels of distribution to the ultimate consumer; 3. Development of a program for the American Sheep Producers Council in support of the marketing efforts of producers; and 4. Recommendations for improving the ASPC based on an appraisal of the effectiveness with which present activities are being conducted.

The board in its semi-annual meeting also approved the framework of budget for the next fiscal year, by 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963. The are of \$3,200,000 for promotion

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## MANAGEMENT OF THE FARM FLOCK

IN MANY sections in the Southwest, flock owners to a large extent continue to breed their ewes to lamb during the fall months. Breeding flocks can usually graze on good pastures, and the weather at this time of year is more or less ideal for the breeding ewes to lamb in the open.

A large percentage of these flocks are Rambouillets and Delaines or have a predominance of their bloodlines. The fine wool ewe is well known for her ability to produce early fall lambs. She is also noted for being capable of lambing without help or too much trouble.

Fall lambs often have size and weight enough to be sold on the Easter market. Lamb prices are usually at their peak at this season of the year for milk-fed lambs on account of the strong demand for lamb in eastern markets.

Our mutton-type or so-called medium wool breeds are the ewes that generally need closer attention at lambing time. For the most part, this

son a liberal amount of wheat bran is good to use in your grain ration for a few days before and after lambing. Then the grain feed may be increased gradually as the lambs develop in size and age and are able to consume more ewes' milk.

## Feeding During the Suckling Period

There probably is no feed equal to the ewe's milk for putting rapid gains on young lambs. If your lambs are dropped during the fall months and are running with their mothers on good, green feed or pastures, it may not be necessary to feed a grain supplement to the ewe flock.

However, when no green feed is available, it becomes necessary to feed both a grain ration and some good legume hay, preferably alfalfa or clover hay, when available. The amount of grain feed will vary from one to three pounds, and will depend to a large extent upon the size of the ewe, the number and thriftiness of her lambs

# Methods of Handling Ewes before Lambing

By JOE H. DIXON

type of ewe usually lambs during the winter and spring. Of course, from time to time, there are exceptions for some do lamb occasionally in October, November and December in different sections of the country. However, it is perhaps safe to mention that this is the exception and not the rule among medium wool flocks.

Through this column last month, the breeding season was discussed and carried through, more or less, the last month of pregnancy. This month's column will endeavor to bring out different methods of handling the bred ewes just prior to and during the lambing season.

### Feeding Ewes During Lambing Period

A few days before lambing, the grain fed to ewes about to lamb should be reduced to approximately one-fourth pound per head daily. This may help to prevent the newborn lambs from scouring due to too much milk, and at the same time may help to prevent milk fever among the heavy milking ewes. Of course, the amount of grain fed to ewes just previous to lambing would be pretty much determined by their condition at this time.

It is often thought best for the ewes to show somewhat of a laxative condition at lambing time, and for this reaand the amount of milk she is capable of producing. Feeding should be continued until good pastures are available.

## Shelter and Equipment For the Bred Ewes

Bred ewes do not require warm barns for shelter. A shed or barn with the doors wide open to the south, and located so it has good drainage will keep the ewes dry and comfortable during the late fall and winter months. It will afford excellent protection from the cold rains and wet snow which often soak the fleeces so that they remain wet for several days.

The barn or shed doors should be wide and the sills low so that the ewes will not injure themselves while heavy with lamb. Good, dry bedding will add to the comfort and health of the flock, and help to keep the lambs warm and comfortable during cold, damp weather. The bedding should not be too coarse or too thickly spread. Good oat straw makes splendid bedding for the sheep barn or shed, for it absorbs the moisture well in damp weather. In nasty weather the lambing pens can often become wet and filthy without proper bedding.

Shed lambing has several advantages for the winter months. The lambs can be creep-fed during cold, bad weather and grown to good size where they can make the most from pasture as soon as it is available for grazing.

## Exercise Very Important For Pregnant Ewes

It has always seemed important to me to give the breeding ewes plenty of exercise before the lambing season commences. It is my opinion that this is an important factor why fine wool ewes have little trouble lambing when compared to some of the other breeds. They are hardy, good rustlers, and take plenty of exercise daily.

The bred ewes need to be on good pasture when available. Wheat, rye and oat pastures are often used for late fall and winter grazing, thus providing plenty of exercise for the pregnant ewes.

The biggest objection to pasturing small grains is on account of the mud and dirt that accumulates between the hoofs during wet, rainy weather. This often causes lameness or sore feet when it dries and becomes hard. If you notice any of the flock limping, do not wait until they are trying to walk on three legs, catch the ewes in the lot and remove the balls of hard dirt or mud at once, and chances are there will be no infection or foot-rot.

#### Reasons for Back Numbering The Breeding Flock

Back numbering has been used extensively by several of our leading breeders for many years, especially among large, registered flocks. The marking is usually done some time previous to the lambing season. It still remains possibly the quickest and surest way of identifying both breeding ewes and sale sheep known to the sheep industry.

Best results by back numbering are generally obtained when aluminum or metal branding markers are used to do the work. These may be obtained at most any livestock supply house, together with regular branding paint made especially for use in branding sheep.

It is also one of the most simple methods of keeping a record on your breeding ewes and lamb crop. Some flock owners like to put the number across the top of the back near the shoulders, while others prefer putting it over the hips or on the sides. By back numbering your ewes and giving their lambs the same number, it is an easy matter to watch and keep a record of the best mothers in the flock. It also enables you to keep a record of

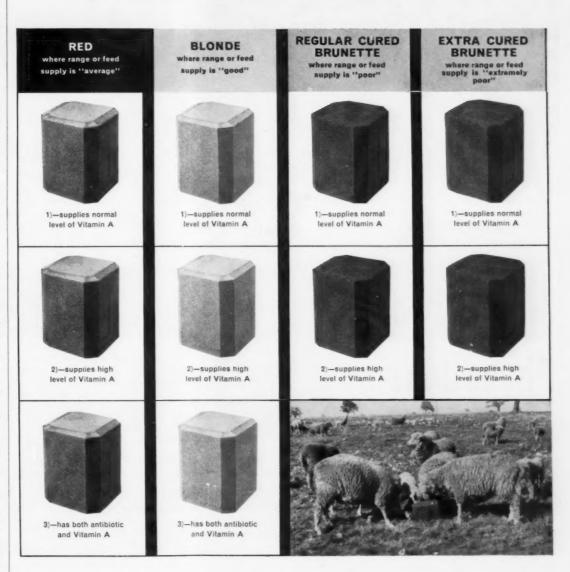
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## Management of Farm Flock

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the ewes that produce twins each year.

When more than one individual is doing the lambing in large flocks, back numbering is a tremendous help. It is an easy matter when changing shifts to tell whoever follows you to keep an eye on ewes with certain numbers that are heavy with lamb and giving telltale signs they may start lambing at any moment.

#### Heavy Pregnant Ewes Sometimes Found on Their Backs

Close attention to the flock at lambing time often prevents serious trouble. Much of the income from a flock of sheep comes from the lambs they produce, so for that reason the flock owner should make every effort to save as many lambs as possible.

During the late stages of pregnancy, ewes will have the misfortune of getting on their back from time to time. Ewes at this time are often heavy and clumsy, and once on their back, it is a difficult matter for them to roll over and regain their feet. When found in this position, on their back with four feet in the air, it is an easy matter for her to die from fright or exhaustion if not found in time.

If discovered before staying on her back too many hours, she may be turned over and recover her footing again with little or no harm done. If left on her back too long, she may be turned if still alive and will recover sufficiently to live herself but may lose her lambs when they are born.

Sure, ewes can get on their backs at any time during the year but it is much more likely to happen during the late stages of pregnancy because of her peculiar shape at this time when she is heavy and close up to lambing. It is a familiar sight to see ewes heavy with lamb, stretched out on their side in the lot or pasture, and it is an easy matter for one to roll

over just a little too far and get on their back.

Next month this column will continue with more information in regard to when to expect ewes to lamb and the actual lambing period.

#### Harrison Davis and Seagoville FFA Share Top Awards at North Texas State Fair

Some good sheep were exhibited again this fall at the recent North Texas State Fair at Denton. J. P. Heath was the sheep superintendent, and T. R. Hinton of Keller the sheep judge.

Harrison Davis, veteran Dorchester breeder, exhibited the champion Hampshire ram at the show and also the first prize flock. Clarence S. Cornett of Arlington showed the top yearling ewe and ewe lamb, also the champion Hampshire ewe.

Three Seagoville FFA youngsters, Newell Ballard, Jackie Ballard, and Grady Doss, showed some excellent sheep in the Shropshire and Southdown breeding classes. Newell Ballard exhibited both Shropshire champions, also, the champion Southdown ram and we. His champion Southdown ram was a lamb with excellent type and conformation that weighed over 100 pounds.

G. A. Buckner of Chico exhibited the champion Rambouillet ram, the only fine wool shown in the breeding classes.

The grand champion fat lamb of the show was from the Junior Department, a Southdown, exhibited by Jimmy Rogers. This was a very neat, firm-handling lamb that looked like it would dress out well with a high percentage carcass.

Some familiar faces that watched the sheep judging included: Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson and husband Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Gregory, J. Benton Davis, and Calvin Pigg.

## SUMMARY OF OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR CHAMPIONS

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I'VE ALWAYS run with cows and cow people, though long ago I came ealize how silly and put-on much talk against sheep is. Out of the total number of books written by American sheepmen and sheep women compared with the total number written by American cowmen, cowboys, and pretenders to such, the percentage that could be called civilized is probably nine times higher on the sheep side than on the cow side. In the always limited areas of civilized ways and thought, violence yields diminishing returns. Sheep people have never been violent by choice. It is cowboy folklore that shepherds go crazy from being alone. The reading of books by shepherds from Harvard and Scotland did not really warrant the cowboy claim that all sheepherders were crazy. Still, tradition must be respected.

At a convention of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Fort Worth in 1926 I heard Jim Callan tell this story expressive of the tradition. Jim Callan was a cow man who had shot an intruder for leaving a pasture gate open. He was a very effective speechmaker. Away back in early days, according to his tale, a preacher came into ranch country where sheep had been as scarce as reachers but were now edging in. The preacher stopped at a ranch, announced his identity, and expressed the wish to give whoever would listen the benefit of a sermon.

After looking him over, the rancher said bluntly, "First, I want to know whether you are a cowman's preacher or a sheepman's preacher."

The preacher was a little cautious, but he hadn't seen any sheep and he couldn't smell any sheep, and so he said, "Why, I'm a cowman's preacher, of course."

"In that case," the cowman said,
"I'll send two or three men out in the
morning to cover the country for
twenty-five miles around, and Sunday
there'll be a gathering over on the
Concho to hear you preach."

Early Sunday morning the preacher and the rancher's family got in a hack to ride to the preaching grounds. The hack was a little crowded, the cowman preferred his own company anyhow, and so he went horseback. Looking at all the cattle he saw in easy reach of the road (just a pair of light ruts) somewhat delayed him, and by the time he tied his horse and walked up to the arbor where services were being held, the preacher was already well along. He was just starting to read from the best-known pastoral passage of literature in the world, as prologue to a sermon that he considered fitting for people who lived by grass and water.

"The Lord is my shepherd," the cowman heard. He had not yet reached a seat. He walked back to his horse. He wasn't even around when dinner was served on the ground, every family having brought fried chicken, lemon pies, and potato salad.

It was close to sundown when the

hack stopped by the front yard gate and the preacher, along with others, got out. There the cowman was sitting in a rocking chair on the front gallery with one foot on the railing while the other rested on a leg, twirling his spurs in silence.

"Well, Brother," the preacher addressed him, "we had an outpouring of the spirit today, and I regret very much your not being there to receive your share."

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"Preacher," the cowman replied, "I know you saw me walk away, and I'm a-going to give you plain talk. When you got here last Friday I asked you fair and square if you were a cowman's preacher or a sheepman's preacher, and you said you were a cowman's preacher. I did what I said I'd do, and you found a good crowd waiting to hear you preach. I walked up just as you were starting. The first words I heard you utter were about some damned sheepherder. You can go somewhere else the next time you want to preach in this country!"



IN DECEMBER, 1959, not long after passing my seventy-first birthday, I, in a small way, on a small place, in the hill country west of Austin, Texas, for the first time in my life came to own and observe sheep. By the time I could walk I was the owner of a dogic calf; I've owned and been associated with cattle and horses most of my life. One time I owned some Spanish goats. and I've been around lots of Spanish goats that I didn't own. My only gain out of owning sheep so far has been experience in a new way of losing money, along with several observations. That is all I figure on gaining, and I crave sharing some of my acquisitions.

Sheep get full and then, one by one, following and siding each other, just walk, prowling here and there, each as if it were looking for a piece of pie. Where there is plenty, they choose only the most succulent. Anybody trying to grow anything beyond grass and weeds had better not allow sheep in his yard under the illusion that they are merely cheap lawn mowers and fertilizers. I have had them strip volunteer tomato plants, young mountain laurel, wild plum bushes, carefully tended native (yellow-flowered) lantana, young wild cherry, a

little mustang grapevine, wild china saplings, young cedar elms, sunflowers, buds on a fig bush, and other cherished growth-all in the midst of bermuda, buffalo, sideoats grama, Texas winter, and other grasses, besides many weeds, including lowsprawling careless weeds. They will straddle a young peach tree, pushing the top down so that the leaves can be conveniently bitten off. A sheep wants pie not only between meals but for the main meal. Sheep equal goats in omnivorous appetites. When times are hard, it is with sheep as with people, "Can't get a redbird, bluebird'll do." When times are good, they are as choosey as spoiled gourmets.

They do not eat in the heat of summer days, but they will get up any time of night and graze for a while. They will not touch long-bladed grass while anything green next to the ground is left. They are decorative on a green sward, especially in perennially green Kensington Park in Lon-

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don. In drouths, after they have eaten the last root of the last sprig of grass and continue to tramp, tramp, tramp over the desolated ground, they are anything but decorative. Perhaps gamboling lambs are more delightful to contemplate than any other form of sheep. They love to bound as to the tabor's sound on tank dams and other ridges. Toothless ewes and used-up rams are an abomination in the sight of anybody who enjoys poety, nature's

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curves, and green grass beside pleasant waters.

I first heard this folk anecdote in the Del Rio country, where sheep are in the process of turning drouthy land into permanent desert as barren as some of the deserts they have effected in Spain. One time two sheep-growers from the bluegrass meadows of Kentucky came into the region to learn what they could learn. As they rode around, they became increasingly curious as to what the sheep in the pastures were eating. Every time they stopped to look, the sheep would move off. One day they stopped on a road, not far from sheep grazing among bushes. One of the Kentuckians managed to crawl over the fence unobserved by the sheep. Then, creeping behind bushes, he got right up to three sheep. He remained hunkered down for several minutes, his eyes glued to the sheep and to the ground, before arising.

"Well, what were they eating?" the man in the car eagerly asked.

"They had et it all up before I got there," the investigator answered.

Despite all their wool and hot weather panting, sheep will in midsummer get as close together as they can in a shade. They prefer a shed or a cave that cuts off the sweep of breeze and circulation of air to the shade-a dense shade-of a tree out in the open. I have seen them crowd under a rock shelter facing a western sun in preference to lying under fine elm and pecan trees. I believe that if fifty sheep could on a summer day of hundred - degree temperature crowd into a hot kitchen with closed windows, they would crowd into it in preference to lying on cool grass in the shade of a green tree in a breeze.

Next to an authentic Tory party in politics, sheep are mong the most atavistic creations on earth. During World War II Thomas Fairbank, a Canadian, wrote a book entitled I Bought a Mountain. It is mostly on experiences with sheep in Wales. ludging that the winter was about over, the mountain-buyer let his sheep out to rustle. A blizzard came up without warning, and the sheep were literally snowed under. It was twenty-one days before the last sheep, a ewe, was dug out. Two weeks later she had a lamb, which she raised. I once saw a sheep, a ram, in Wales, jump a fourfoot fence flat-footed. I can imagine that the primitive ancestors of domesticated sheep must have lived in very cold latitudes, where wool was necessary to survival, and where caves af-forded shelter in winter for semihibernation. Week-old lambs will lie down under fallen trees or any other shelter which is too low for ewes to get under.

Abe Hutto, my partner in sheep and furnisher of a large part of this essay, has seen in treeless parts of arid Western Texas one ewe find a shade for her head under a wizened bush. She would not lie down, for sheep, like horses, rest a good deal standing up. Another ewe would find shade for her head under the first ewe's body, and thus forty or fifty ewes would crowd around the bush, some with heads under the bodies of others. It may be that under a blazing sun a

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sheep's head positively needs shade, like a rattlesnake's whole body.

Sheep prefer hard and barren ground to bed on. They will fertilize a caliche road far better than they will fertilize a garden, if left to their own preference. They like to get under a low table or fallen tree trunk to rub their backs — and smash the table.

They favor lying down or leaning against walls, hedges, and the like for resting. I have seen ewes graze to a

## By J. FRANK DOBIE

Special to the SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER from J. Frank Dobie Courtesy of the SOUTHWEST REVIEW corner against a gate and flop down right there any time of day like a tired person coming to grassy ground in the shade that calls for lingering. I have seen two hundred ewes at night crowding against a sheep-proof wire fence on a caliche hill for bedground. The ground right against the fence was worn for a hundred yards as bare as a sheep trail by their lying there. Two big rams pawed out holes in the ground against the corrugated tin siding of a shed. They were bent on leaning or lying against it—not satisfied with just being in the shed.

Following a road cut through a creek bank, sheep will beat out a trail against the ground above the road. We think of them as belonging to English paddocks, level and open, to South American pampas, to North American prairies. They have never lost the mountain sheep instinct.



WHEN LAMBS are two or three months old, they incline to get separated from the mothers. When the separated ones want to suck—or are urged by some other primal desire—they set up a bleating to be heard afar

off. In the summer I noticed one late lamb that had a positive genius for getting separated and lost. He spent hours daily running here and there bleating, alone, wildly seeking a mother that seemingly did not care a tinker's dam whether she ever felt him again or not. There are stages, degrees, of idiocy among sheep as among people.

The bleating of sheep can become almost as tiresome as the wagging of some human tongues. Unlike most other animals, however, to quote Abe Hutto, "Sheep utter no sound when hurt or under great pain. While riding on our Pecos River ranch one day we came upon a sheep that at first I thought was sick or had worms. Catching it, I discovered that a portion of one hind quarter had been eaten away-without doubt by a coyote. I took the sheep home, doctored it, and it lived. A few days later we found another sheep with most of her hindquarters eaten away. Apparently when caught and dragged down by a coyote, a sheep just lies there in a sulk, not making a move or uttering a sound, while the coyote gorges his fill by tearing out the flesh."

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.—Isa. 53:7.

No matter how sheeplike they are, the critters show individual variations —if only in stupidity. A strong young ewe refused to suckle her lamb, which was very weak when we discovered the mother's obduracy. She would answer its cries occasionally and smell of it, but when its mouth approached her bag, she would move herself or the lamb, now squatting down, now changing ends, preventing its getting any milk. She was held and thus forced to let it suck. Then in an improvised pen (no bigger than six by three) under a shed, she was forced by prodding and slapping with a light stick to let the little lamb suck. After

three days of this confinement she still would not allow sucking except under duress. Her offspring often sought under her forelegs — an instance of "blind instinct." The ewe's teats may have been sore, but they did not seem to pain her while the lamb sucked — its tail wagging as earnestly as the baton of an orchestra director. In most ewes, as in most (Continued on page 26)

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# Sheep

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cows and in the females of other mammals, the instinct for raising the young dominates any feeling of pain, but occasionally a ewe seems devoid of mother instinct. When an animal without brains also lacks instinct, the nadir of all negatives is reached.

On the other hand, mother instinct could not be better demonstrated than by a certain Suffolk ewe who brought forth triplets. While two were sucking she would smell them, throw up her head and go to bleating for the third lamb. When lambs are small, ewes smell over them often. Lambs seem not to recognize their mothers before they are several days old, though they cry for recognition

and milk from the beginning. Their mothers have to keep up with them, often preventing their following other ewes. A ewe with twins has a busy time keeping up with them when other sheep are near. Her instinct is to cut off from other sheep for two or three or more days until her lamb or lambs are well identified. Suffolks and Hampshires are said to have a higher percentage of twins than other breeds. Both are black-faced.

Lambs are tougher than they may seem. One dropped on wet ground in cold, wet weather may never rise to suck, but once its belly is full of warm milk, it stands a good chance to survive winter's harshest — provided always that its mother furnishes milk. A ewe will not risk taking her lamb through shallow water readily crossed by dry sheep. Sheep are not designed by nature to mix with water. When a sheep's wool gets soaking wet, it weighs extra pounds, and the animal cannot swim. Oil in wool makes it shed rain, but a sheep soaked wet to

skin takes a long time to dry and is liable to pneumonia. Abe Hutto has furnished me the following observations on sheep, water, and drouth.

"One fall we had a lease on the Rio Grande near Langtry, Texas. There had been very little rain, grass, usually scare in that more than semi-arid country, was exceedingly scarce, and we were afraid our sheep would start eating prickly pear for something green. Cattle may get by on prickly pear, but every West Texas sheepman knows that when his sheep take to prickly pear, their mouths get sore from the thorns and bleed, and that the raw flesh invites blow flies and then screwworms.

"We decided to move our sheep into a pasture where the pear had been grubbed and piled. While doing this, we separated the large lambs from the ewes and put them in a pasture watered from a well that had watered the lambs all their life. The only difference was in a trough across the fence from one to which they were

accustomed. Within a few days we noticed the lambs would not drink from this strange trough. We would drive them up to the water, but they would just stand and look at it. After several days of no water, lambs will get 'dry mouth' and will eventually starve to death for water. We had to catch each lamb, and, using a bottle, pour water down him, thus wetting the tongue and moistening the stomach. After the lambs had all been bottle-treated, they went to drinking from the strange trough.

The habitat most congenial to sheep in Texas is semi-arid. Sheep thrive in a high, dry climate and do well with very little shade. While ranching near Comstock, Texas, we had a small pasture near the Pecos River—Nicho Trap, we called it. Sotol and lechuguilla grew abundantly on our range, which was watered completely by windmills except for some river pastures. A windmill and water trough supplied water for Nicho Trap. One morning we rounded up this trap and thought we had all the sheep, but we miscounted one. We moved the gathered sheep to another pasture and shut the corral gate, cutting off all water supply to anything in the trap.

"Three months later while riding in Nicho Trap hunting javelinas, we saw a shaggy-looking mutton sheep at a distance. We rode up close and discovered it was the sheep we had missed in the roundup. He had fevered, lost most of his fleece, but was still very much alive. This occurred during the dry season of the year when no rain fell. Perhaps the sheep had chewed some moisture out of lechuguilla and sotol."

I'M A great hand for connotations. the associations that places, names, words, things (dead or alive) call up, ringing bells in memory, arousing consciousness of kinships. My first association with sheep was in Mother Goose when I was a child. Subsequently I read a considerable part of Paradise Lost and all of The Faerie Queene without finding in either epic anything that talked to me and stuck with me like various characters and rhymes in Mother Goose. And to this day, Mother Goose sheep rhymes out of the long ago come tolling like some curfew bell over the lea.

Mary had a little lamb, Its fleece was white as snow, And everywhere that Mary went The lamb was sure to go.

In England, during harvest time, I once came upon a beautiful country church apart from any other houses. This was maybe three hours' walk from Cambridge. I went inside. Nobody else was there; everything was quiet and pleasant. A long, bright picture hanging on a wall—or maybe it was a mural—gave me the joy of meeting brightness out of long ago. It was of Little Bo-Peep and her sheep, after they had joined her:

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep And can't tell where to find them, But leave them alone, and

they'll come home, Wagging their tails behind them.

Styles in sheep tails have changed since Little Bo-Peep's time. Now they are docked, but no lamb, whether gamboling or sucking, can look so

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Life-cycle of the large stomach worm of sheep, Hasmonchus contortus. (1) Adult worms from fourth stomach (m-male; I-female); (2) developing eggs on pasture; (3) free-living larvae on pasture (a, b, first- and secondstage larvae, c, infective larva); (4) infective larvae on grass blades; (5) sheep swallowing contaminated grass, thereby accurring stomach worms.



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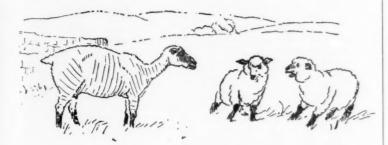
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charming without a tail wagging behind him.

Styles in wool have changed, too. The black sheep has virtually been bred out of flocks if not out of families. I delight in old Navajo blankets with patterns of black against white—natural black, not dyed wool. I suppose the Navajos still keep a good many black sheep. Despite our figure of speech in which the black sheep is blackballed, to me he remains unselfish, benevolent, utterly generous—all on account of an association memorized before I learned to read:

Baa, baa, black sheep, Have you any wool? Yes, sir, yes sir, Three bags full: One for my master, And one for my dame, And one for the little boy Who lives in the lane.

We did not live on a lane, but far, far from such, and I knew sheep only in pictures, rhymes, and the Twenty-third Psalm; nonetheless, I cherished the idea that I was the little boy for whom this black sheep was saving a gift-bag of wool.

Making sheep and Christians synonymous has never seemed to me complimentary to the latter. "Washed in the blood of the Lamb"—what a gory conception! When one butchers a lamb for chops, one tries to keep clean and unbloodied. The idea of wallowing in sheep blood is about as unrealistic to modern life as the idea of heavy pearly gates somewhere up yonder escaping the law of gravity—along with thrones and golden streets.

A fact of sheep belligerency came as a surprise to me, though I was not unaware of the lechery with which the belligerency is associated. The account that follows is Abe Hutto's.

"Of all domestic animals, I would say that buck sheep fight more fiercely

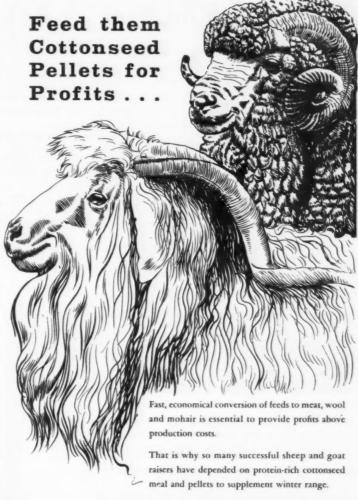
than any other, usually to serious injury or death. One year we had about 250 Rambouillet bucks in South Texas near Encinal. They were purebred, averaging 250 pounds or so in weight, and had heavy horns, three curls (or twists) to the horn. They were kept under herd, as were the several large ewe herds. Herding our sheep was necessary because of the danger of coyotes and panthers, and because there were no sheep-proof fences in that part of the country at the time.

"I have seen several bucks get killed while fighting, one breaking the other's neck. The most vicious fight I recall occurred one evening while I was standing near the herd. Two of those big fellows started their fight. After one hard slam together from about fifteen feet apart, they then backed away from each other and kept backing until they were at least fifty feet apart. With necks stiffened and lowered somewhat, they started their charge. The moment they hit, the two bucks fell over dead, both with broken necks from the terrific impact."



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# The Shepherd's Dog

By C. W. G. HARTLEY Author "The Shepherd's Dogs" (Special to this Magazine)

IN NEW Zealand our Sheep-dog Trial season opens in March when seasonal work has eased up, then farmers and shepherds are able to leave their stock unattended for short periods.

Our Autumn weather brings refreshing rains and a slight nip in the air. The whole countryside, with its open streams, wide valleys and rugged hills clothed in pastures of the deepest green, presents a picture of undeniable beauty.

This lovely, peaceful scene today has a gay carnival atmosphere, with the appearance of tents and scores of cars, parked about the grounds and under trees.

To the settlers in this district it is an occasion when distant friends come to stay, while the Trial is on. It is an occasion for entertainment and gaiety.

#### Club Trial

This is a Club Trial. It has nothing of the serious undercurrent of tension nor the critical gallery, where experts and others vie with each other in a running commentary of devastating analysis of every run. The big Trials foster an inordinate spirit of competition which is unknown at these small meetings. Here, we find a spirit of good fellowship and hospitality that is heart-warming to the stranger. Here, even the novice is accepted. "Jack" is as good as his master today, so long as he is running a dog.

Sheepfarming forms one of our major industries. It is little wonder that the Sheep-dog holds such a place of honor. The shepherd and the sheepfarmer would not earn a living nor derive wealth from the pastoral industry without his help.

The dates for all meetings are arranged by the Provincial Secretary, so there are no two meetings whose dates clash to divide competitors.

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work, sheep will not respond kindly to him. Very often the nervous tension is transferred to the dog by his handler. Most competitors are affected in some degree by nervous tension and in extreme cases it is indicated by a noticeable change in tone of voice or whistle, which is at once upsetting to the dog. In order to reduce the delay to competitors many Clubs run their Heading and Huntaway events on different courses simultaneously.

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numerous natural obstacles such as side-tracks, slips, small ridges with perhaps an open creek at the base of the hill. If the couse is on easy hill, the sheep will travel too fast, if it is on really steep going the sheep may be easier to control but more difficult to pull in a straight line. Lady luck enters the contest also. One competitor will get three sheep that handle beautifully, while others are unable to do anything right. Another will have good sheep but spoil them in one rough turn. No other animal in the world can match the working collie, properly trained in his cleverness, with his swift, smooth action

of sheep has behind it an inflexible firmness that will gradually compel the most truculent sheep to surrender its hostility and accept the mastery of the dog. If endowed with a nice, calm nature, the dog can soon have his sheep on good terms. If he's excitable and abrupt or lacks caution in his and the prizes would be roughly 60 dollars first prize, \$30 and \$10.

The Judge is drawn from a panel and is a frequent competitor on other occasions. He has the assistance of a timekeeper who checks the watch and calls "Time" when the competitor on the mark is to dispatch his dog.

Before the expiration of the allotted time, a second call "two minutes to go" precedes the final call "Time.

As for the New Zealander, he is an aggressive, cheerful individual, and extremely versatile, who will endure hardship and discomfort of rain and cold without complaint or work under the most primitive conditions. He is non-committal generally and rarely offers opinon or advice unless requested. If discussion leads into personal matters he is at once reticent, reserved. If he is interested in dogs he applies himself diligently to their training. He will build up his hopes in a dog and visualize himself winning at Trials, yet if he is asked what sort of a dog he has, he promptly shrugs his shoul-

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The Shepherd dog taps the sheep to remind him that obedience is necessary.

ders and says casually "Oh, just a rough sort of a tyke. I only put him in to give the Club an entry!"

However, behind this seeming indifference there is enthusiasm that will leave no stone unturned to attain success. He is a relentless trier, yet defeat is accepted readily and the victor receives a handshake and congratulations. Timed to start at 8:00 A.M., cars will begin to arrive with their neat dog-boxes attached, from 7:00 o'clock onward. Their owners make their way to the Secretary's tent, make their entries and payment of fees. Ground stewards will attend to details regarding the order of runs.

The Judge arrives and takes his car to a suitable position where he has an unrestricted view of the whole course. He is handed a list of the competitors whose runs have been arranged. Even the Judge assumes a mantle of dignity today. He may be quite well known personally, but now he sits aloof, impartial, critical. Instead of a cherry "Hello there," all we get is a cold stare with "will you tell me the name of your dog, please?"

The Ground Steward has a number of competitors warned to be ready. Dogs would be taken away for a walk, given an opportunity to take a drink and encouraged to look up the hill where the letting-out pens are located.

Near the Judge's car, a flag is hoisted and away near the top of the hill about a quarter of a mile distant, three sheep are promptly liberated from the yard and worked into position.

The competitor steps over to the mark and gives his dog the order "Look-out." The movement of those distant sheep soon catches his eye, then his attitude changes instantly. He stands alert, watchful, tense, waiting for the word to go. Once the Judge is satisfied that the sheep are in a suitable position and stationary,

the flag is lowered and all is in readiness to commence. The "gallery," composed of competitors, their wives and families, together with local settlers, are silent. The big competition is about to commence. Many men have trained their dogs for this Trial. To the competitor "on the mark," tension is relieved with the call "time."

The dog is sent away promptly. He races across the flat and begins his climb uphill toward the distant sheep.

They are lost to sight as he climbs, but his handler's whistle urges him on. He races on, following the ridge of a spur, his head moving from left to right as he watches the ground ahead and keeps a sharp lookout for his sheep. Soon his sheep come into view. He casts out wide in his run to get into position above them, then stands, in response to his master's distant whistle - immobile, watching, waiting, listening. Soon the call he is waiting for reaches him. It is his "pulling" whistle. He moves in cautiously, slowly, to "lift" his sheep, getting them "on balance" and headed in the direction of his handler. The sheep are to be brought down in a straight line to the competitor, who waits inside a square indicated by four pegs, one in each corner.

Once the sheep enter this square, man and dog may maneuver to positions ready to commence the first drive, down a chain-wide driveway indicated by pegs, to two hurdles set nine feet apart. Man and dog working carefully proceed with the sheep, moving progressively to the hurdles. And in the background, the crowd watches intently. Not a sound now, except the commands to the dog, as they work under the Judge's eye, against the watch. One wrong move, one command misunderstood, one reckless turn could lose all chance of winning.

The sheep pass through the hurdles and continue on, toward the pen. The second drive sees the sheep in a position outside the pen.

After the sheep pass a peg 11 yards from the pen the competitor must go forward and open the gate. Having done so, he must then keep his hand on the gate until the sheep are penned, keeping himself and the gate in line with the side of the pen.

The timekeeper's voice breaks the silence—"Two minutes to go."

The competitor concentrates on holding his sheep in a position suitable for penning. Finally, the sheep enter the pen and the gate is quickly closed The crowd claps in appreciation. The sheep are taken by the competitor to a small paddock and released. Up goes the flag again and the next competitor steps onto the mark.

Man after man takes his place to compete against his fellow stockman with the dogs they have spent many hours to educate and polish up for this competition. There may be 60 to 100 entries in one class alone. Competition is close. Only half points will separate the place-getters. Many of the best dogs would fetch prices at an equivalent to 500 dollars.

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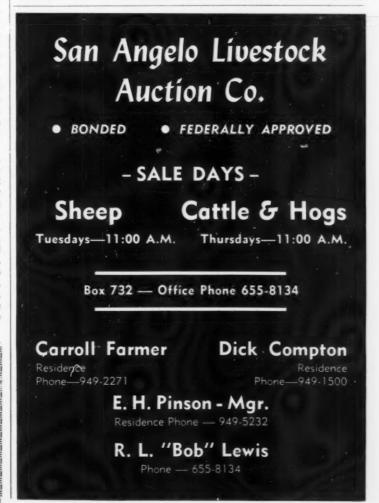
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# FINE WOOL AND

LORD Louis Mountebatten encountered a colored sentry while he was in command of the China-Burma-India

Lord Louis: "Are you Indo-Chi-

Sentry: "No, suh, ah is out do' Mississippi."

ONE teenage boy to another: "I had a long talk with my father about girls. He doesn't know anything about them

THE man who delighted in chasing girls now has a son who can't find any who will run.

A MAN discussing vacation with friends: "We stayed home this year. We took a pay-later vacation last year!"

THESE days a man can't consider himself a success until he has to borrow money to pay his income tax.

A WORKMAN was perched on the top of a ladder, cleaning the clock above the entrance to a bank. Suddenly an inquisitive passerby hailed

"Something wrong with the clock, mister?" he asked.
"No," replied the workman, "I'm nearsighted."

"IF THERE is anyone here who knows why these two should not be joined together in wedlock," said the minister, "let him speak up or forever hold his peace.

'I'd like to say something," spoke

up a voice.
"You keep out of this," replied the minister, "you're the groom.

A MAN'S good judgment comes from experience . . . his experience comes from poor judgment.

WHEN the examination was over, the teacher in a mountain school told her teacher in a mountain school fold her pupils to write a pledge that they had neither received nor given help. One gangling youth, who had squirmed in dismay and mopped a bewildered brow throughout the ordeal, wrote: "I ain't received no help in this mat-ter, and God knows I couldn't have gave any.

NO ONE so thoroughly appreciates the value of constructive criticism as the one giving it.

MIDDLE Age: The time of life when your favorite night spot is a seat in front of the television.

THIS sign in a Boston, Massachusetts, store window declares: "We undersell the store that undersells the store that will not be undersold.

HOBBY: Something you go goofy about to keep from going nuts about things in general.

NO wonder a hen gets discouraged. She never finds things where she laid

WIFE: "Four years ago my husband ment to get some steak sauce and mover returned. What should I do?" Marriage Counselor: "Try tomato

IF YOU don't know the answer ignore the question.

"WHAT most of us need to get off our chest is our chin."

WHEN a man says that he sees eye to eye with his wife, it means that his vision has been corrected.

ROY: "Why do you go out with that girl? She has no sense of humor."

John: "Man, you can have a mighty good time without laughing.

WHEN adults act like children, thy're silly. When children act like adults, they're delinquent.

ONE sheepman met another on the street, and the first asked, "What makes you look so sad?"

"I had a hundred bucks stashed away for betting on the ponies today," he explained, "but when I went in to get it this morning, it was gone." "Well, what happened?" asked the

first sportsman.
"The wife found it and blew it all in on groceries and lease money.

A CHIEF engineer was consulting a psychiatrist. Among other questions, the doctor asked: "Are you troubled by improper thoughts?"

"Why no," answered the patient.

"To tell the truth, doctor, I rather enjoy them.

A FRUSTRATED motorist had been trying to pass a huge truck for many miles. Every time he tried to go around, the truck driver increased his speed or swerved toward the middle of the road. Finally, at a stop sign, the motorist pulled alongside.

"Well?" growled the truck driver, glaring viciously.

"Nothing important," was the mo-torist's reply. "I know what you are— I merely wanted to see what one looks

WHY is it that most people want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the middle of the highway

WE know a girl who hates losing her heart to a man, but who loves having him search for it. EXEC.: "Do you know what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?" Overweight Secretary: "No, sir, I don't. If I did, I'd take some myself."

WIFE: I'm so mad I could scream. I ordered a brassiere but that stupid clerk sent one three sizes too small. Husband: Now, darling. Try to pull yourself together!

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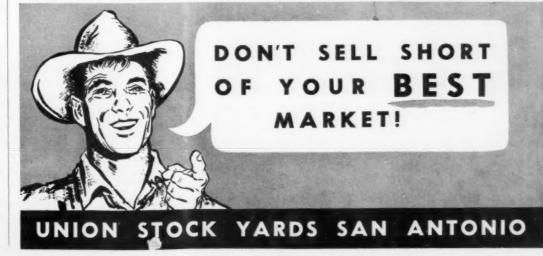
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# **Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation**

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

ONE DEVELOPMENT in the livestock picture during the late summer and early fall period which received little attention or comment in most quarters has been the fairly substantial increase in the nationwide lamb slaughter and production. One reason for this has been that more attention was centered around some of the other classes of meat, the production of which also provided some of the highlights in the industry.

Actually, the lamb slaughter in federally inspected plants throughout the country has been impressive during much of 1961 thus far. One of the late summer highlights was the August lamb slaughter total. At 1,290,-110 head, it represented the largest August total in 15 years, and was also the largest monthly kill since May.

The August kill boosted the total for the first eight months of the year to 10,001,291 head, the largest for a comparable period in four years, and the second largest since 1947.

This was followed by a continuation of this trend in the month of September. While lamb slaughter data for September was not available at this writing, weekly totals for the month covering slaughtering operations in federally inspected plants at the major packing centers revealed a further buildup in lamb slaughter. The late September kill was the largest since January, 1960, or about 20 months.

The increase in lamb slaughtering was sidetracked in many instances as more attention was given to cattle slaughter data and also the seasonal boost in hog slaughtering that took place in late September and early October. It should have received comparable mention, however, since the increase in lamb production was such as to affect the overall meat production situation.

The big feature in the August slaughter data was provided by cattle, which set a new all-time record August kill of 1,803,117 head. As was the case with lambs, the eight-month cattle slaughter total was the largest in four years, with the 13,166,015 head about a half million head more than the corresponding period a year ago.

The increase in lamb slaughtering during this period prevented lamb finishers from receiving any improvements in the price situation in the fat lamb trade. In fact, the early October price level was down moderately from a month or so earlier as the mid-August upturn in the market was gradually eliminated by losses registered during September.

Early October trading in lambs at Chicago found the top for prime wooled offerings halted at \$19 or slightly less, with most of the daily tops ranging down around the \$18.50 mark. Meanwhile, the average level of prices was slightly under the \$18 mark, a situation which provided much disappointment among Corn Belt lamb feeders who had finished lambs for the early fall market period.

While considerable contracting of feeding lambs took place in the Southwest during the late summer period which ran ahead of a year ago, latest available data indicates a lag in replacement lamb purchases by finishers in the Corn Belt.

The main factor in the broad interest for replacement lambs in the Southwest has been early favorable prospect for above-average fall and winter grazing of wheat pastures, just as has been the case for the continued firm demand throughout the Southwest for stocker and feeder cattle.

Some livestock interests are keeping a watchful eye on the wheat pasture situation since any marked change in its condition could alter the replace-



ment buying pattern in the final months of 1961. However, thus far the good action in replacement lambs in the Southwest has offset the slower start this fall in buying operations in other areas.

The slowness in feeder lamb buying which developed in much of the Corn Belt area was brought out by latest available data covering this area. During the month of August a total of 372,184 feeding lambs moved into the eight Corn Belt states, a reduction of 21 percent from the 473,-867 head purchased in August a year ago. The July-August total of 567,956 head, compared with 663,958 head in the same two-month period a year ago, showed a reduction of 14 per-

Early caution on the part of Corn Belt lamb feeders in their buying operations was believed by many to be due to the money-losing operations of last fall and winter. With these poor financial operations still clear in their minds, most prospective replacement lamb purchasers are exercising care not to have this development repeated in their forthcoming dealings.

Feeding costs in lamb finishing operations in the Corn Belt are expected to be slightly higher and this has caused some hesitancy on the part of finishers. Apparently a large share of this segment of the livestock industry has decided to take a "wait and see" attitude during the initial portion of the buying season.

Actually, many observers in the lamb feeding industry are of the opinion that lamb finishers should be able to keep their operations on a profitable basis during the forthcoming feeding period. This is based on the relatively lower prices at which feeding sheep and lambs are being purchased and contracted in most sections of the country.

Much of the replacement purchases of late continued to hover in the \$13 column, the same range which bought a large share of the feeding lambs in August and September. Some strings ranged at \$14 and above, but purchases in this higher range have been relatively few.

Corn Belt cattle feeders were confronted with a major problem at the outset of the final quarter of the year. With fat cattle marketed at this time doing no better than breaking even for the finisher, they find replacement costs this fall even higher than a year Cattle feeders, therefore, have the choice of either buying stockers and feeders at the higher rates or continuing to wait for a remote pos-

Shoe shine, Buddy?"

sibility of prices working to more attractive levels.

Judging from early October reports, a fair segment of the industry was still without the necessary replacements for the coming feeding season. The reluctance to make purchases at this time is primarily due to the higher costs, compared with a year ago, and the forecasts that in order to insure feeding profits during 1962, stockers and feeders will have to be purchased under prices of last fall.

Most feeders who reported buying (Continued on page 34)

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Answer: There will be no difference in body weight staple length and clean wool production between offspring groups sired by these two rams. Heavily-fed rams shear 30% more clean wool, are 20% heavier in body weight and have 18% longer staple of wool than do range rams. These gains or differences are environmental and are not transmitted to the offspring.

#### 7. Question:

What is the loss in production of a wool-blind ewe per year?

Answer: Ewes with closed faces weaned 11% less lambs and 9 to 11 less pounds of lamb per ewe bred than those with more open faces.

#### 8. Question:

In a selective breeding program if selection is made to increase clean wool weight what other valuable characteristics will be influenced?

Answer: Selecting sheep for clean wool will increase the body surface either by increased number of folds or by body size, increase density of fibers, increase length of fibers, and increase adaptability to the environ-

### 9. Question:

If selection is made solely for length of staple (within grade) in a breeding program, what other characteristics will be influenced?

Answer: Selecting for length of wool staple increases total clean wool production, reduces shrinkage, and increases price per pound of grease and clean wool.

#### 10. Question:

If you judge density by feeling the compactness of the wool on the sheep, what other characteristics will be emphasized in a selective breeding pro-

Answer: Judging density of fibers by feeling the compactness of the wool will emphasize short fibers, heavy shrink, greasy condition and increase body folds or pin wrinkles.

#### 11. Question:

If emphasis is placed on crimp in selective breeding program what other characteristics may be influenced?

Answer: Selection for deep, distinct crimp with maximum number of crimp per inch will increase fineness and good milling qualities, but decreases total clean wool production.

## 12. Question:

What effect will selection for white color of wool in a selective breeding program have on price received or pounds produced?

Answer: Selection for white color will increase the value, but will have little or no effect on total amount of clean wool produced.

## 13. Question:

If crossbreds are mated what determines the range in fineness of wool fibers in the offspring? When registered sheep are mated?

Answer: The range in wool fiber diameter of the offspring of mated crossbreds will be determined by the range of the fiber diameter of the parents. Therefore, the offspring will be the average of the parents. The same will be true of offspring from registered sheep.

The 1962 Mills County Livestock Raisers Association show has been set for January 12-13 at Goldthwaite. R. Steen was re-elected president; Norman Duren, vice president; Carl Casbeer, secretary, and Glynn Collier, treasurer.



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# Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

IMPORTED LAMB may have to carry a special identifying stamp in many cases after next New Year's Day.

USDA officials have been considering this new procedure under the Federal meat grading program. Under the proposal, a handler of imported meat who wanted it graded would have to stamp each wholesale cut with the name of the country of origin. The stamp would have to be used just as grade stamps are now used, so the "country of origin" mark would show on most major retail cuts.

Housewives then could tell whether they were buying American lamb or a lamb cut from some other country. Whether this would give American products an advantage at the retail counter is hard to say. It might depend on how much advertising and promotion backs up the U. S. product if and when both imported and domestic meat cuts, both clearly identified, face the housewife on the same retail counter or in neighboring stores.

Australian sheepmen are trying to open a broader market for breeding sheep in Latin-America.

Last year, an Australian trade mission said it found a likely market for up to 50,000 breeding sheep in Mexico and 20,000 in Ecuador over a two-year period. Now a delegation from the Australian Corriedale Association is reported going to those and other Latin countries to promote some actual sales.

Heavy economy pressure from the

tor in administration planning of practically all farm programs during the coming months.

The White House has passed down

White House has become a major fac-

The White House has passed down the word that it wants to come as close as possible to balancing next year's budget. This means that all civilian programs, including farm programs, are under heavy economy pressure.

One early result of this was USDA's recent decision to maintain the wool "incentive" support price at 62 cents a pound for the 1962 marketing year which opens next April 1. This is the same price maintained by former Secretary Ezra Taft Benson during the previous seven years of the wool program.

Secretary Freeman has been increasing Benson-set support rates in most cases where he has had any choice in the matter. But an increase in wool supports for 1962 would mean an eventual upturn in Federal farm spending. So, in spite of the fact that wool production this year dipped slightly away from the goal set by the Congress, Freeman did not try to turn it up again by raising the support inducement.

USDA has demonstrated again, if anybody needs proof by now, that it means what it says about tougher enforcement of programs like the Packers and Stockyards Act and the Meat Inspection Act.

Despite strong protests from the American Meat Institute and the Farm Bureau, Secretary Freeman's order banning production of "watered" hams in Federally - inspected (interstate) meat plants has been scheduled to go into final effect on November 18. And as a by-product of the fuss over adding water to hams, USDA officially announces it may propose a broadening of the Meat Inspection Act which would affect all red meats.

Under present law, the Federal Meat Inspection system does not reach into the intrastate plants which do not ship their products across state lines. This means that intrastate plants can legally continue to turn out watered hams when interstate plants cannot. USDA says it may ask the Congress to rewrite the Inspection Act in a way which would bring most intrastate plants under Federal jurisdiction.

Administration officials and turkey industry spokesmen have taken the first step toward adoption of a Federal Marketing Order program to stabilize supplies and prices.

Wider meaning of this move to other commodity groups is that USDA is saying, in effect, it's perfectly willing to try to give them the same deal if they want it.

In turkeys, plagued by record production and low prices this year, the move is for a pair of companion Federal Orders under which the industry itself can manage the supply of turkey hatching eggs and turkeys. The orders,

if final provisions follow the outline laid down at press time by an industry advisory committee, would authorize —among other steps—marketing controls at the handler level.

The Congress authorized adoption of marketing orders for the turkey industry in the 1961 omnibus farm bill. USDA officials these days are publicly regretful the legislators did not grant the same permission to producers of many other commodities, especially lamb. If a commodity group wants to be made eligible, officials are saying,

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## BOB MANNING JOINS SAN ANGELO AUCTION

BOB MANNING of Pearl, who has been associated with the sheep and goat business all his life, has become a regular feature of the San Angelo Livestock Auction Company's Tuesday sheep and goat sales.

Long interested in the promotion of sheep, lamb, wool, goats, and mohair, Manning was instrumental in engineering the very successful Lamb-O-Rama program at the Pearl Community last June. The event, which drew nationwide attention, helped to teach the growers themselves the proper utilization of lamb, wool, and mohair. Also, it presented a most attractive and informative form of community advertising for the sheep and goat indusrty. The growers and non-growers alike were instructed in the proper methods of home slaughtering, carving, cooking, and serving of lamb and goat meat. The program stressed ways of meat preparation to make the cuts attractive and delicious. The Lamb-O-Rama guests were also taught the correct way to wrap lamb cuts for the home freezer.

No doubt Mr. Manning's keen ability to find excellent ideas for promotion of the sheep and goat industry and his enthusiasm to talk about them will undoubtedly find receptive ears among the ranchmen visiting the sheep and goat auctions at the San Angelo Livestock Auction Company.



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## Meat Situation

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their replacement needs during August and September claimed that in most instances prices were generally about \$1 above prices they paid a year ago. Many of these interests claimed that such early purchases generally consisted of only a portion of their usual requirements and that they hope to cheapen their overall costs later with additional purchases.

After being favored with the best overall profits for several months, compared with their lamb- and cattleraising counterparts, hog finishers began feeling the effects of a seasonal downturn in prices which was anticipated because of the increase in the spring pig crop. Hog volume began to increase at most marketing centers and this kept prices edging downward. The decline, however, was slow and moderate to soften the downturn which is expected to continue during the fall months.

Early October still found the bulk of the 190- to 270-pound hogs at Chicago ranging in the \$18 column, but as the month progressed the hog top slipped closer to the \$18 mark and bushed a larger share of the hogs town in the \$17 bracket.

Also, we are in need of members.

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## **AUXILIARY NOTES FROM** DISTRICT II

THE AUXILIARY members to the TS&GRA of Sterling City entertained the women of District II with a coffee. After the coffee, the group was shown slides of Arabia and the Holy Land by Mrs. Gene Alley, whose husband was farm supervisor and assist-ant manager of all the farms for the King of Arabia for three years. After the showing of the slides, Mrs. Alley displayed many things that she brought back from Arabia.

At noon, the men of District II joined the ladies in the banquet room of the Community Center for a bar-

becue dinner.

It was a very delightful day, and a wonderful way to meet neighbors and to know our District folk better. During the day 16 new Auxiliary members were signed up.

Dear Members:

At the Abilene meeting, the Auxiliary voted to become active in helping to raise funds for WOOL PRO-MOTION IN TEXAS. Two ways were decided upon, and were voted

1. In a town with as many as two Auxiliary members, these members are to be responsible for raising \$50. Suggested ways for doing this were lamb dinners, tasting teas, rummage sale, game night and any method that the members might think of. It was suggested, however, that we not ask for outright donations.

2. Mrs. Adolph (Tops) Stieler has made a Christmas skirt and given it to the Auxiliary to use as a money making project in any way that we could. We are giving a ticket on the skirt for every \$1.00 donation that we get. So if you have not received some tickets please write me.

10-13. Headquarters are at the Texas Hotel. Why not plan to be there? Remember, our dues are only \$3.00 per year, and I will be glad to take your 1962 dues now. Never in history has there been more need to work together for our industry than now . the men are busy with ways and means of promoting . . . let's make it a family affair and do our share in

IN TEXAS. I am looking forward to seeing you in Fort Worth in December.

WOOL AND LAMB PROMOTION

Mrs. Alvie L. (Mildred) Cole Sterling City, Texas Second Vice President

## MORE AUXILIARY MEMBERS NEEDED

"OUR MOST important problem at present is to increase the membership of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, that we can function more efficientlly and effectively. We need more members than our present 134 to get the job done," recently declared Mrs. Jas. Baggett, Ozona, Vice President of the Woman's Auxiliary. "The women of the sheep and goat industry can aid very considerably if they will sit down and mail their \$3 dues payment for the current year's membership. Any dues that we receive now will be effective through 1962," she said.

Mrs. Baggett declared that it might be well to review for the women the objectives of the auxiliary. "Primarily," she declared, "The Auxiliary is just that. It is designed to assist the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and all its projects whenever and wherever possible. Especially is this true in securing memberships to the Association. A word or a little work on the part of a ranch woman might be more effective in securing a membership than through any other way. Of course the Auxiliary has other projects, such as wool and mohair promotion. As most sheep and goat ranch people know, the women of the Auxiliary initiated the "Miss Wool" program, which has grown to be a most effective national wool promotion activity. Financially, the women have not contributed a great deal inasmuch as the American Sheep Producers Council has been furnishing the funds. However, we feel that the Auxiliary should contribute funds to augment those of the A. S. P. C. finances in order that the Miss Wool program can become more effective and continue to grow.

"In addition, Texas has a most successful 'Make It Yourself With Wool' program which needs continued support, that it, too, may grow. In order that both of these programs succeed, as we Texas women want and expect them to, we must do our share of work and our share financially.

Mrs. Baggett declared that increased membership in the Woman's Auxiliary is the most logical way for the Auxiliary to grow and to secure the necessary funds for these imme-

diate activities.

Check for \$3 membership dues should be mailed to Mrs. Alvie Cole, Second Vice President and membership chairman, Sterling City, Texas.

## WASHINGTON PARADE

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USDA will probably be willing to carry the request to Capitol Hill.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management is expected to be ready soon to announce plans for giving a wide range of non-livestock groups a voice in the advisory committees dealing with ranges operated by the Bureau.

Traditionally, these advisory grazing committees have been made up of cattlemen, sheepmen, and wildlife conservationists. The Department, however, has been considering details of a proposal to expand these commitadding representatives from groups interested in recreation, mining, timber, water, wilderness preservation, etc.

Cattlemen frankly don't like the idea of diluting the voice of "user' groups on the range committees. But if it's going to be done, the American National Cattlemen's Association would like to see committee seats given also to groups which benefit from the grazing revenues-schools, and local governments. This idea has attracted support from a number of local governments in the West.

Administration farm planners apparently are convinced now they're going to have to take another serious shot next year at getting tough, longrange programs to cut down grain pro-

Wheat and feed grain programs for 1962 are already set, of course. Concentration now is on programs for the longer run. Discussions between top USDA officials and their commodity advisory groups recently point to a coming decision to propose a new wheat program coupled with a package plan covering all feed grains

The wheat program, from all hints we get, will be based on the bushelcontrol plan backed by the National Association of Wheat Growers. The feed grain proposal shapes up as a mandatory plan under which each farmer's total feed acreage would be limited.

What happens to all these plans may depend heavily on how much enthusiasm the White House will decide to show for a farm legislative fight next year.

A Congressional rebuff hasn't cooled USDA enthusiasm for setting up emergency civil defense food stockpiles to feed survivors in case of nu-

The House Appropriations Committee refused to vote money earlier this Fall for Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman's project to move wheat into emergency stockpiles near major target areas. Take this idea back and study it some more, the Committee said, in effect.

USDA is doing just that, on an expanded scale, we hear. Officials are working on new plans for emergency defense wheat stockpiles, plus a rotating stockpile of processed foods, including some canned meats. These emergency reserves could be kept fresh by donating the stocks to schools and needy families-which get regular donations of food anyway-and moving fresh supplies into the reserve.

There's a good chance that these plans, or some variations of them, will be proposed formally by the administration next year.

### So You Want to Know What It Is?

An Open Letter To The Auxiliary To The **Texas Sheep and Goat** Raisers' Association

Dear Friends:

GADDING DOWN the highway at a goodly rate of speed, I glanced smugly at the dashboard for the impressive control panel induces a feeling of power and mechanical know-how. Just before I went into a delightful huddle with myself concerning my capabilities, a delayed image came into focus-that of a dial with a red needle waving frantically to the left of a large, black E. With it came the humbling realization that white hair does not correct feather - headedness and I was once more out of gas!

Unfavored a child of fortune as I am, this time, my crossed fingers and an unexpected service station, combined to solve my problem. How reassuring was the sound of fuel gurgling into the tank as I untied my purse strings and began to ferret out my billfold. I went through the usual procedure to excavate it from the clutter any woman deems standard handbag equipment and the patient attendant smiled when the wallet finally came into view. However, he realized his smile was premature when search number two began for the necessary credit card. The first one was out of date and must be destroyed: diner's and motel cards were useless; neither did my Girl Scout membership or blood-donor cards, nor pictures of my daughters salve his itchy palm.

"It's a Good One!"

By now he was fascinated and hoping for a full house to turn up in my handful of cards, so just before the needed one was dealt out to him he shouted: "Don't discard that, lady, it's a GOOD ONE!"

It was a bit of pasteboard stating that I belonged to the Auxiliary! How right he was-THAT IS A GOOD ONE! It tells all who read it that I am a member of a unique organization through which a group of women actively work with their menfolk to promote the products of the worldimportant sheep and goat industries.

### Miss Wool - a National Promotion

With the assistance of the Association and others, these women inaugurated an amateur show titled "Miss Wool," which has developed into a national production "Miss Wool of America," and, according to Pageant Magazine, "is one of three well-conducted and worthwhile competitions for young women in the United States"— one of the others being the 'Miss America" contest! The Miss Wool of Texas and Miss Mohair travel

many miles each year to publicize the use of these fabrics in high fashion garments. All because this group decided this would be a good promotion.

We are most active in the "Make It With Wool" contest for home sewers, which encourages young women to realize that a seamstress is an artist and must use the miracle fabrics to perfect her craft.

Cookbooks have been compiled for lamb cooking; packing houses were persuaded to prepare special lamb delicacies and stores to feature them. One woman loaded her car with refrigerated samples and traveled over the state at her own expense dispensing samples and throwing in a hardsell talk at about the same rate of speed she had to drive to cover her beat-around ninety miles per.

The Auxiliary rolls up its collective sleeves when called upon and does a man-sized job. But when the chores are done up, those sleeves are not only unrolled, but come completely off as the work clothes are doffed, the party frocks donned and they join their Association partners for fun. Then we visit with old friends and welcome new and younger ones; we hear excellent speakers; visit places of interest; and, inevitably, we go shopping! It's a close and warm-hearted group of people as we recognized this summer when illness struck our family and notes and calls came reminding us of their interest in our welfare.

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# State 4-H Range Management Winners Named

THE STATE 4-H Club office recently announced the winners of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association scholarships to the 1962 Range Study Camp at Junction. Alan Dunlap of Jayton and Walter Lowe, Jr., of Garden City, both 14 years old, have been named the two state winners in range management for 1961.

Alan is a son of Mrs. Lulu Dunlap of Jayton. A fourth-year 4-H Club member, he and his two older brothers have managed their family farm since the death of their father in 1949.

Alan's first range improvement work began in 1956 when a mesquite eradication program was started on the Dunlap farm. A number of various methods were used by the young ranchman. He also used cut, dead mesquite to fill gullies and control

erosion. He helped to construct four tanks on the farm to conserve water, control erosion, supply water for domestic and stock use, and supply fish. Grass was planted around the tank spillways to improve pastures and help control erosion.

Young Dunlap has won numerous awards with his outstanding 4-H Club work in county, district, and state contests, both as an individual and as a team member, and he has completed demonstrations involving field crops, beef cattle, and swine.

A member of the Jayton 4-H Club, which is supervised by County Agent Mark A. Geeslin, Alan has served as a club officer. Besides his 4-H work and work on the farm, he is active in Boy Scouts, church, school, and community affairs.

Walter Lowe, Jr., is the son of Mr.



Texas A. & M.'s Champion Wool Judges

Texas A. & M. College's Senior Wool Judging Team has won top honors in Kansas City's American Royal Livestock Show wool contest for the third year in a row. Left to right are Pete Jameson of Ranger, high point individual and team coach; Barrie Ward of Llano; Donald Beerwinkle of Belton, second high point individual; and Scotty Menzies of Menard. The team scored 1,949 points out of a possible 2,250. Also in the picture are their trophies, plaques and ribbons which they won in last winter's National Western Livestock Show at Denver and at the American Royal. In the past three years, A. & M. wool teams have won the contest outright twice and tied for first place once.

and Mrs. Walter Lowe of near Garden City. A high school student at Garden City, Walter has won awards for his excellent demonstrations and for his ability as a feeder of prizewinning lambs on both county and district levels.

His first range management experience was gained as a member of the junior grass and range judging team of Garden City. This past summer Walter graduated to the senior judging team.

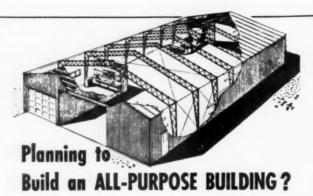
During the past year, Walter has been serving as a junior leader and helping train younger 4-H members in grass judging and plant identification. He has studied the grasses growing on his family ranch and classified them as annual, biennial, or perennial; whether native or introduced; their season of growth; and their grazing value. Young Lowe has made a study of methods to increase and improve the best varieties of grass to make the best grazing for his flock of over 100 commercial ewes.

Livestock selection and judging are also major interests of Walter's. A

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CARLENE BROWN

# Carlene's Diary DIARY OF MISS MOHAIR

During the past six months my life has been spent in a most fascinating and hectic way as I have been touring as Miss Mohair, representing the industry. To this great experience I owe much to the Brady Chamber of Commerce in their selection of me as their choice to enter the Miss Mohair contest during 1960 in Kerrville, Texas.

To be perfectly honest, it actually did not occur to me that exciting night that I would ever actually reign as the future Miss Mohair. The selection was made that night but it was kept a secret until the announcement six months later. This was hard to keep a secret because I was so excited, and I do like to talk.

February rolled around and I was sent to Dallas to Fashion Creators for several days' training. This was very exciting for me because I was completely made over from head to toe. I was taught all sorts of grooming techniques to prepare me for the fashion shows I would be doing. My hair was restyled and I found that the modeling tips were lots of fun in my daily life. I was photographed by Dallas' top fashion photographer and excitement mounted by the day.

I later returned to Dallas for more walking classes, more grooming and voice control, where I learned to use the microphone.

My fabulous coronation gown which was given to me by Charles Hansen, Ltd., of England, arrived in June. It is made of beautiful mohair lace, valued at \$500 and was designed by a famous English courtier. I was photographed in the gown in the beautiful Chaparral Club in Dallas.

August brought the most exciting night of my life. I went to Fredericksburg for my coronation. First, my court and I were entertained by the Adolph Stielers at their ranch with a barbecue, where we met so many interesting people, including the judges for the incoming Miss Mohair.

The following morning we had a style show, which was commentated by Kim Dawson of Fashion Creators, where she presented Sunda Callan, the outgoing Miss Mohair, and some of her wardrobe, together with some of mine. It was a beautiful show around the pool. The Women's Auxiliary of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce was our hostess.

From there on there was much to do and the girls were being interviewed for a chance at the 1962 title. There was a luncheon, rehearsals, and finally the big moment arrived when the court was presented. As I walked onto the stage and Sunda Callan released her crown to me, I became aware of the responsibility to which I was about to commit myself in representing the Mohair industry, and it will always remain in my memory as one of the most exciting nights of my life.

My first official appearance was at the State Future Farmers of America convention at the Statler Hotel in Dallas, along with Miss Wool of Texas, Carolyn Barre. This was my first chance to meet Miss Wool and we became very good friends and roommates at TWU.

On August 11, I was again in Dallas for the Texas Meat Packers Association. I was photographed with the Mayor of Dallas and Miss Texas, Linda Loftus, cutting the ribbon for the opening of the convention.

On August 18, I was in Johnson City for the Blanco County Fair and Rodeo, where I rode in the parade, and this was great fun for me. On August 22 and 23, both Carolyn and I were presented to the Women's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in Abilene. We showed a part of our wardrobes and later were introduced to the gentlemen. We were treated like royalty and were given the Presidential Suite of the Windsor Hotel.

Carolyn Barre and I were also invited to San Angelo for Red Carpet Day. We flew to Eldorado, Sonora, Ozona, McCamey, Fort Stockton, and Midland on the goodwill tour. It was my first plane trip, as Carolyn reported in her diary — and I was very scared, especially when we almost had to land on the highway. But it was fun and we always love to go to San Angelo.

We were in San Antonio on September 20 at Joske's for Wool Week. Miss Wool of Texas and Miss Wool of America were also there for the big wool show at the Menger Hotel. After San Antonio, I went to Austin to show my wardrobe for the Bergstrom Officers Wives Club, with Barbara Klindworth doing the commenIn September we were in Uvalde for the Southwest Texas Cattle Raisers' meeting for a style show and were also guests of the O. D. Dooleys. We were also given keys to the city by the Mayor.

After we left Uvalde, we were invited to Happy Shahan's ranch at Alamo City, which is very interesting. We presented a blanket for the initial flight of Stage Coach Airlines, where we were on radio and television and all-in-all both Carolyn and myself felt like movie stars.

The O. D. Dooleys and the T. A. Kincaids invited us to Mexico, which was great fun. Both Carolyn and I bought a beautiful turquoise ring and we had a fabulous dinner.

On October 9, I returned to San Angelo and met Carolyn, who was there, and we were photographed in front of the beautiful new Spanish mansion that is the new headquarters for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

October 14, I was introduced at the State Fair of Texas in the Women's Building for their two shows and there were approximately 1,000 women who saw the fashion show.

Fashion Creators has scheduled me for more appearances in the coming months. All of this has been very exciting but probably one of the nicest experiences of all has been meeting and knowing the ranchers and the people who produce wool and mohair in the State of Texas. They are very warm and friendly folk and my sincerest hope is that I can represent them in such a manner that will make them proud of me and the industry.

Carolyn and I both have scholarships to Texas Women's University and we are certainly grateful to the Association and the people who have made this possible. Of course we do travel a lot, but we take our books along and study, so we are pretty sure our grades will be good, but it is a whirl, and we are tremendously busy, but very happy and excited.

Thank you, Carlene Brown

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# The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON



OCTOBER WAS primarily a cleanup month for West Texas cattle herds. Major part of the calves already were sold, and most of them delivered. Some contract deliveries were still being made on the lighter end of the calf crop, along with some scattered sales of calves that for one reason or another hadn't already been sold. Elsewhere over the country, the cattle market showed some weakness. At Clovis, New Mexico, for instance, lightweight wheatfield calves were reported to have dropped as much as \$3 cwt. (they had been bringing over \$30 cwt. in some extreme cases) when it appeared the High Plains wheatfields weren't going to get rain. But in San Angelo the only sign of distress was in buyer's faces as they saw the bids go right on up as high as ever.

Most of the Midwestern feeders were sitting this one out. Not very many of the high-priced West Texas calves were going to Corn Belt buyers. A genuine air of pessimism has prevailed in that quarter all season. The calf demand was coming from other points, including Southwestern feeders and wheatfield owners.

#### A Steer Trade

It's been mostly a steer trade this fall. The vast majority of heifer calves, both Hereford and Angus, just haven't left home. Except for the lower-quality heifers which they culled out, most ranchmen have been keeping the heifers to increase their cow herds. This leads to an obvious conclusion: there are going to be a lot more cattle in West Texas within the next couple of years. There will be a considerably larger calf crop.

The percentage of heifers kept is the largest since possibly the first year after the drouth broke.

#### Heifers in Demand

For those ranchmen who wanted to sell heifer calves, especially the Angus, there has been a ready demand from other ranchmen who want to keep them for stocking purposes. On several occasions here top-quality Angus heifer calves have sold as high as \$30 to \$31 cwt., up to \$4 and \$5 cwt. higher than their steer mates. At one special calf sale here, two strings

of choice Angus heifer calves dollared out at around \$155 each. One string brought \$163.

In the heat of buyer competition, there was no longer any of the strong talk about weight which prevailed early in the season. Back in July and August, buyers were meticulously cutting out individual calves which weighed over 500 pounds. They were adjusting pound prices so just about all the steer calves were dollaring out around \$100 per head. But when the situation altered to become a sellers' market, a lot of this weight discrimination stopped.

### Feeder Calves Up

In recent sales here, top feeder calves were dollaring out nearer \$125 or \$130 than the earlier \$100.

The season's fourth Hereford-Angus feeder calf sale in San Angelo was a case in point. It turned out so successful that although it was supposed to have been the final one for the season, the sponsors announced a fifth "bonus" sale for November 13. The October sale drew 2,603 calves, which averaged \$119 per head straight across.

Champion Hereford steers, consigned by the C. T. White Estate of Brady, sold for \$28 cwt., weight 460 pounds. That was almost \$129 per head. Champion Angus steers, from Earl Barr of Ballinger, sold for \$27.90 cwt., weight 491, or about \$136 per head.

Setting a fast pace were the champion Angus heifers from Gerald Hart-graves of Eldorado, which weighed 517 pounds and sold for \$31.50 cwt. That was almost \$163.

Cow trade has not been heavy. Mainly, there haven't been very many of the top kind offered. Most stockmen who own good cows don't care to sell. One special stocker cow sale here drew 716 head, most of them carrying quite a bit of age. There weren't many young cows.

### Cows Go Good

Where young cows do show up for sale, they usually don't have much trouble finding a buyer. This is especially true in Central Texas, where one auction operator said the packer buyers usually go out for coffee when the old cows start to run. He said farmers and ranchmen buy up everything that looks as if it stands a chance of making one more winter. Some are buying up old, thin shell cows to graze on fields or pasture and resell later after they've made a gain in weight.

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Some typical West Texas country purchases:

Roy Martin of San Angelo bought 218 Hereford steers and 58 heifers from B. B. Dunbar of Uvalde at 24 and 26 cents, steers weighing 481, heifers 420. He bought 276 mixed Hereford calves from Roy Henderson of Ozona at the same prices, weights 495 and 443.

The Carroll Farmer Company of San Angelo bought 150 lightweight mixed Hereford calves from Odus Holiman of Midkiff at 26 and 28 cents, heifers at 313 pounds outweighing the 293-pound steers.

Hubert Chance of San Angelo bought 285 mixed Hereford calves from Frank Anthony of Monahans for 25 and 27½ cents a pound. They were lightweights, ranging from 400 to 425.

#### Sheep Market

Sheep market hasn't changed materially over the last month. Fat lambs

weakened a little in October, but it was not a matter of immediate concern to most West Texans. The fat lambs were about gone from this area anyway. Except for a few trickling in from feedlots, there just aren't any.

However, there are a considerable

However, there are a considerable number of lambs scattered around in area feedlots. These will be moving to town as ready.

The stocker and feeder lambs have been selling at around the 13-cent mark, which isn't much change from the last couple of months. It's stronger than they were early in the season, when some dropped dangerously close to the dime mark.

It's been said that West Texas will run out of money before it ever runs out of lambs. There is no longer any large number of unsold lambs. But anyone who came along waving a bankroll could probably still fill his order.

Quite a few ranchmen down in the Southern Pacific region south and southwest of Ozona sheared their lambs along in summer and turned them out rather than sell at the depressed prices which prevailed. Some of these lambs still remain unsold and probably would be for sale at a price.

Notably absent from the trade this fall are the San Sabans, who normally winter many thousands of West Texas lambs on pasture. A few of the bigger operators have bought lambs and moved them onto winter ranges in San Saba County, but the majority of the smaller operators who used to take from 500 to 1,000 head just haven't been around. Most of them say they're not going to come around, either. They haven't made much by wintering lambs the last few years. Some years they've even taken a disheartening loss.

But most of the lambs have found a home elsewhere. It looks as if the West Texas lamb situation is in reasonably good shape for this time of year.

A few typical country deals: Midwest Feed Yards of San Angelo bought 1,500 whiteface mutton lambs at 13 cents a pound from Claude Collins, Jr., and Dr. Elliott Mendenhall of Sterling City. Average weight was about 82 pounds.

The Carroll Farmer Company of San Angelo bought 900 whiteface mutton lambs from Jack Wilkins of Ozona at 13 cents a pound, weight 88 pounds. A typical late-October sheep market report: Old ewes, \$4.50 to \$6.50 cwt.; old bucks, \$4.50 to \$6; fat lambs, \$14 to \$16; whiteface feeder lambs, \$12 to \$14; blackface feeder lambs, \$12 to \$14; fat yearling muttons, \$10 to \$12; yearling feeder muttons, \$8 to \$10; aged muttons, \$5 to \$7; solid-mouth ewes, \$7 to \$9 per head.

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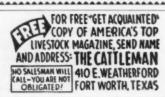
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### The DOPE SHEET

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### LIVESTOCK MARKETING

SOME MEN in the Department of Agriculture feel that the livestock marketing system is thoroughly rotten and apparently this view is held at least in part by the enforcement division of the Packers and Stockyards Department. Look for a lot of record auditing of stockyards and auction companies. Scales will be meticulously checked and any unusual transactions are to be examined with microscopic care. Chain store and packer methods of buying are to be studied. Also, look for more severe penalties for culprits, careless or otherwise.

#### TAXES

Taxes on farm real estate in this country went up eight percent from mid-1960 to mid-1961 and the outlook is dim for any halting of the upward trend. Advice: Ranchmen had better watch their county commissioners! Too many are being recruited from the ranks of city folk and the county tax situation is affected to the disadvantage of the farmer and ranchman. If you don't believe it, do a little checking and figuring.

### MORE TAXES

Land sales in recent years have been affected by a number of conditions not related to production of farm and ranch products at all. As a consequence, disregarding productive capability of the land involved, prices have skyrocketed in most areas. Land owners have gasped with surprise when they waked to hear that adjacent lands have sold at a per acre price fantastic in their reckoning. "Taint worth it at all! Can't never pay out!" and similar expressions change the facts not a whit. The land sold.

Factors causing such sales of land at prices far above its productive value are many-fold. The fear of further inflation is a leading factor in today's land transactions. "A good place to put your money—if you can pay for it," has been the advice given many of the new landowners, who have seen this judgment vindicated as the land prices have continued the upward march.

With a good portion of the sale price of the land going to the government as capital gain tax, the price structure of land has been further inflated because of this. The seller has had to be satisfied and more money for the land has been the buyer's only recourse. If he had the money he paid it and got the land.

### AND STILL MORE TAXES

The astonished land owner who has watched the ballooning of the prices of land around him may tend to reap some satisfaction at the apparent enhancement in the price of the land he owns. "Why, I paid only \$12.50 per acre for my land—I can get \$75 per

acre today. I sure am better off!" Well, there's a catch and a mighty serious one in the situation and I am afraid that too few of the ranchmen are aware of the serious jeopardy in which it has placed their estate.

Today, more and more of the lands are being appraised for estate tax purposes, not on the productive value of the land but on the sale price of the neighboring lands. Now the producer can make only so much from the ranch or farm and from this operation the producer must save for estate tax contingencies. But the estate taxes today in too many instances are being based upon the inflated prices of the recently-sold land nearby.

For instance, because an acre of land was sold for \$1,500 for oil speculation an estate was faced with a tax situation on ten acres of land nearby wherein the estate tax would be on the land at a similar valuation.

You can say that when your neighbor sells his land at a fantastic price it might cost your estate fantastically. And have you gone to the trouble to find out just what your situation is in this regard? Or do you want to let it go and be sure that unless your folks are lucky the estate you leave them will be sold at least in part to pay an estate tax fantastic itself in its highness.

This is no joke. It is a situation which in itself will jeoprdize ranch estates more than anything else that we can see. And if those tax experts in Washington are trying to divide the wealth by confiscatory taxation and break up estates they have come up with a dilly of a plan—the estate tax program of today.

### UNIONS NOT THROUGH

The move of the unions to organize agriculture which started on the west coast met with scant success last year and some have said that the defeat marked the end of the union efforts. However, union officials deny this and will move into any situation in which they can find the remotest hope for success.

### RURAL STRENGTH EBBS

If you think farmers and ranchmen have had tough sledding in the past in trying to get things over in Washington, take a look at the future and consider these prospects. The 1960 census has put redistricting up for immediate action and as the city and suburbs will gain seats, the rural people lose seats—130 from 165. Starting in 1963, the city congressmen will outnumber the rural district congressmen by two to one. The coming session of congress may be the last one the rural people will see agricultural representation strong in Washington.

W. L. (Tom) Davis of Sonora, longtime Rambouillet breeder, shipped 70 head of rams to the Indian government in October. The rams were loaded on a ship at New Orleans. This is his third sale to India.

### Leading Ropers Scheduled In San Angelo Contest

TWELVE OF the nation's most outstanding steer ropers will compete in the Eighth Annual Championship Steer Roping and Branding Contest to be held November 12 at the San Angelo Fairgrounds for prize money totaling about \$7,000.

The San Angelo event will offer exciting entertainment this year as in the past, with the top ropers in the business attempting to rope, trip, tie, and brand four or five 650- to 700pound steers each for the prize money. The cowboys who will compete in the event have each paid the stiff entry free of \$250. The entry fee will be divided among the contestants, according to proficiency, as will onethird of the ticket sales money.

Seat reservations may be made by writing to P. O. Box 712, San Angelo, or by calling 655-4136.

Ropers who have paid entry fees for the annual event include: Sonny Davis, Kenna, New Mexico; Ad Deakins, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Bub Evans, Fort Davis; Clay Evans, Marfa; Troy Fort, Lovington, New Mexico: Clark McIntire, Kiowa, Oklahoma; Terry McGinley, Keystone, Nebraska; McLaughlin, Fort Worth; Pat Mitchell, Aspermont; Joe Snively, Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Shoat Webster, Lenapah, Oklahoma; and Sonny Wright, Roswell, New Mexico.

Officials for the Steer Roping and Branding include: Johnny Bonner, San Angelo, chairman; and assistants Lewis Powers, Sonora; John Dublin, Barnhart; Jim Franklin, Bitsy Huling, Ralph Trolinger, and A. L. Sledge, all of San Angelo.

### FORMER FIELD EDITOR HONORED

BILLIE STEVENSON LIEBE, former Field Editor of the SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER, was honored as "Woman of Achievement" at a breakfast held during the 69th Annual Convention of the Texas Press Women, Inc., in Corpus Christi, October 22.

Billie was honored at the three-day convention for the great number of awards she has won in state and national press contests and for her work as chairman of the International Relations Committee. During the past year, she won six first place awards in the state contest-for feature picture in a magazine, display advertising, publicity, feature story, special section in a magazine, and promotion. She also won second places for news story and news picture, and a third place award for radio commercial. Three first place awards in the national contest this year went to the former magazine staff member.

Since 1957, Billie has won 57 awards for her work in the press field. A consistent winner in both state and national contests, she received 42 of her awards during the past four years for work which appeared in the SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER.

As chairman of the International Relations Committee, Billie organized several week-long programs throughout Texas to further friendly relations between Texas and Mexico and to introduce the Texas Press Women to Mexico's press people.

Serving as corresponding secretary of Texas Press Women for the past two years, Billie is also chairman of organization's nominating committee. She is a member of the nominating committee for the National Federation of Press Women, also.

She is a member of a number of writers' organizations.

The average Southwestern ranch running cattle in 1940 averaged 7,676 acres. In 1959 the average of such ranches was 11,100 acres. The investment value rose from \$36,000 to \$158,000 in the period. Since 1943, which was a pretty good year, expenses have risen faster than income. Data from Agricultural Economics Report, U.S.D.A.

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## Range Management Studies In 4-H Clubs Paying Off

By G. O. HOFFMAN and B. J. RAGSDALE Extension Range Specialists Texas A & M College

EVERY TEXAN, as well as the 100,-000 4-H Club members in Texas, has a major stake in the state's native grassland. Rangeland is used for production of livestock, wildlife and watershed protection and recreation. The rangelands produce the major source

of our meat supply as well as wool and mohair. Grass cover prevents soil erosion.

Range management is the care and use of rangelands to get the highest continuous yield of animal products without endangering the range re-

sources and other important uses of the land. The Texas stockman should be interested in production and sale of the number of pounds of livestock products sold rather than the number of head sold.

The 4-H members working with the Extension Range Management Program learn how to manage one of Texas' largest businesses — ranching. The various phases of the program are grass contests, range judging, team demonstrations, and result demonstra-

Grass Judging

To be a good range and ranch manager, the 4-H member must learn

about soil and plants. How animals graze these and the effects of grazing upon the soil and plants. To accomplish this, county, district, and area contests were established. The first area grass judging contest was held at the Fort Worth Livestock Show in 1949. Since then the major livestock shows and fairs in the state hold grass judging contests. Grass judging contests are designed for individual and team competition.

The contestant must learn to identify at least 123 plants which are common to Texas to be able to compete in a contest. The contestants have 40 plants to identify and must indicate five characteristics of each.

The grass contests are sponsored by the show officials, Soil and Water Magazine, Soil Conservation Districts Supervisors, Soil Conservation Service, A. & M. College of Texas, and the Agricultural Extension Service. During the past 12 years many thousands of boys and girls have been trained in this one important phase of range management.

### Range Judging Contest

Range judging is a contest that of-



### Plant Identification

Plant identification is basic for good range management. 4-H members learn range plants by seeing them as they grow in the pasture. 4-H members participating in a plant identification contest in the field.



Studying Range Conditions

Studying and classifying range conditions at a District Range Judging Training School.



Studying Range Plants

Mounting range plants for future study and entry in grass judging contests.



### **Grazing Studies**

Clipping an individual plant to determine moderate grazing use of a particular grass. Wrap and clip ungrazed plant at ground level, balance grass over index finger, the point of balance is 50 percent of current year's growth. This is essential study for determining forage production per acre to figure stocking rates for a range condition and pasture.

fers 4-H members a practical way to learn good range management. It teaches the members how to determine the condition of various native grassland pastures and how to manage them. It points up why we need to manage properly one of our most valuable natural resources—grass.

Through range judging, the contestant becomes familiar with grasses, weeds, trees, soils and the reaction of grazing animals on native grassland. Each member learns the differences in plants, how grazing affects plant growth, what kinds of plants grow on different soils, kinds of plants that are necessary for different range conditions and the management that will improve each range.

The range judging contest is composed of three parts: namely, plant identification, range condition, and the placing of four range areas. Many range judging contests are held each year. The Extension District winners compete in the State Contest held at A. & M. College during the 4-H Roundup. The five high teams are encouraged to enter the National Range and Pasture Judging Contest

held in Oklahoma. Texas teams have entered and placed well. A team from Sutton County won championship honors in 1958. Contestants who are good range and ranch managers.

### Range Awards Program

The 4-H Range Management Result Demonstration Awards Program is sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The purposes of the program are: (1) to give 4-H members an understanding and appreciation of range management; (2) to encourage closer working relationship in range management between youth and adults; and (3) to stimulate youth to use proper range management practices when operating their own ranch.

The 4-H member may choose from seven different demonstrations and the completion of any one will qualify him to compete for county, district, and state awards. The state winners in the awards program are given a week's scholarship to the Youth Range Camp sponsored and directed by members of the Texas Section, American Society of Range Management. Dur-

# Determining Parasites in Livestock in the Field

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- 1. Take a Petri Dish or any similar completely transparent glass beaker and fill with clear, fresh water.
- 2. Take a small sample of the manure, which would be approximately half a level teaspoon, and place it in the water and stir vigorously.
- 3. Allow to stand so that all the debris and cloudiness floats to the top. The larvae and worms or parasites are heavier than the water and

ing the week's training the boys receive information in range manage-

ment that gives them a basis for fu-

Since the awards program began

Through the cooperation of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, adult leaders, ranchers, Soil Conservation Service personnel, County Agents, and other, the 4-H Club

members are learning more about the benefits of good range management.

in September, 1957, there have been

eight 4-H boys to win scholarships to the Range Camp with 105 members completing demonstrations for county awards. There have been about 1,700 4-H members to participate in the Range Awards program during the

ture range study.

past four years.

will slowly settle to the bottom.

4. Very slowly pour off the water until only a very thin layer of less than 1/32" is left on the bottom.

5. Place the Petri Dish or other transparent glass vessel over a dark surface, such as a black cloth and in the bright sunlight, and you can see the parasites and larvae.

The above is a very simplified method of testing in the field and all that the demonstrator has to have is the transparent glass vessel. A Petri Dish or a glass beaker about 3" in diameter is excellent for this purpose.



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Range Conditions Compared

4-H members studying and comparing range condition before and after brush control.



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### INMEMORIAM

P. T. ROBISON

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P. T. ROBISON, 89, Crockett County Hospital, October 20, after a long illness. Mr. Robison was born in Limestone County, Texas, in 1872. He moved to Crockett County in 1902. He married Pearl Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Miller, pioneer Crockett County ranch family, in 1911. He owned an eight-section ranch north of Ozona; also ranching interests in Presidic County, south of Marfa. He was a director of the National Fam Loan Association for a number of years in Crockett, Sutton, and Schleicher County, with headquarters in Sonora. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. C. O. Walker and Mrs. Fred Hagelstein, both of Ozona; one son, Miller Robison, Marfa; one sister, Mrs. Ben Lane, Marf, Texas; also eight grandchildren.

### AIRS W. NICHOLS

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AIRS W. NICHOLS, 65, long - time Tarpley ranchman and farmer, died October 19 at his home there following a long illness.

Born April 22, 1896, Mr. Nichols was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lafayette Nichols. Born and reared in the Ingram community, Mr. Nichols was the grandson of a pioneer settler, Rowland Nichols, who was killed by Indians. In August, 1925, he married Miss Leota Peters. A World War I veteran, Mr. Nichols had ranching and farming interests at Ingram, where he lived for forty-seven years. He was later engaged in ranching and farming at Tarpley.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, J. Ross

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Nichols of Houston and Elliff A. Nichols of
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JOHN T. BARTON JOHN T. BARTON, 85, pioneer San Angelo area ranchman, died September 23 at his home in San Angelo. He had been in ill health for

in San Angelo. He had been in the several years.

Born in Bertram in 1876, Mr. Barton married a Bertram girl, Miss Nancy Kemp, in 1897.

The couple had met as children. For the past 55 years the Bartons had lived in the San Angelo home they built. They had been married almost 65 years at the time of Mr. Barton's death.

death.

Mr. Barton started working as a young man for \$20 per month. Within two years he and his wife had saved enough money to buy a few head of cattle, three good horses, and a wagon. That was their start in the ranching in-

business. During his early years in the ranching industry, Mr. Barton worked on a ranch in Glasscock County, the Broome, Farr and Lee Ranch, the Allard Ranch near Sterling City, and the Rocking Chair Ranch. For several years he and W. L. Foster operated a ranching partnership at Water Valley. For many years, Mr. Barton owned and operated his own ranch at Water Valley.

Survivors include his wife; seven nephews; a niece; and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dorbrandt Barton of Fort Stockton. Mr. Barton's son, Dorbrandt Barton, died in 1959.

### MRS. WILLIE HAAG

MRS. WILLIE HAAG, 65, pioneer Hill Country ranch woman, died September 15 at Baptist Memorials Hospital in San Angelo. Born February 21, 1896, at Smithson Valley, the former Janie Esser married Willie Haag on December 18, 1919, at Boerne. The couple lived at Kendalia for forty-two years. Survivors include her husband; a son, Allen Haag of Kendalia; a sister, Mrs. Annie Sueltenfuss of Boerne; a brother, Arnold Esser of Ontario, California; and one grandchild, Karen Dee Haag of Kendalia.

### WALTER A. KOTHMANN

WALTER A. KOTHMANN
WALTER A. KOTHMANN, 69, prominent
Mason County ranchman and a son of pioneer
Hill Country settlers, died October 6 in the
Fredericksburg hospifal.
Born November 27, 1891, he was a son of
the late August and Elsie Giestweidt Kothmann,
early-day Mason Country ranch couple. On June
10, 1914, Mr. Kothmann married Miss Edna
Dittmar at Cherry Springs, and the couple
spent most of their married life in Castell.
Walter Kothmann was a pioneer in the improvement of livestock breeding. He was wellknown as a breeder of fine Hereford cattle.
He operated extensive ranch holdings.
Survivors include his wife of Castell; two
daughters, Mrs. Clarence Ratliff of Fredericksburg and Mrs. C. K. DeBusk of Comstock; one
son, Warren Kothmann of Seguin; a sister,
Mrs. Fred Hanke of Elgin; a brother, Marvin
Kothmann of Mason; four half-brothers, August Kothmann of Austin, Wesley Kothmann
of Henrietta, Gideon Kothmann of Loyal
Valley, and Gilbert Kothmann of Mason; and
four grandchildren.

### ROBERT F. KELTON

ROBERT F. KELTON,
ROBERT F. KELTON, pioneer West Texas
ranchman, died October 1. Mr. Kelton was
born in Callahan County in 1880 and moved
to Reeves County in 1898, where he operated
his own ranch a number of years. In 1930 he
became foreman of the L. W. Anderson
ranches in Loving, Reeves and Winkler
Counties. He also owned an interest in cattle
on the Anderson ranch of over 100 sections
in Reeves County. Surviving are his wife; two
sons, Joe Bob Kelton and Jim Tom Kelton,
both of Pecos; a daughter, Mrs. Melva Younce
of Washington, N.C.; a brother, Sam Kelton
of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. Beth Roberson,
Sweetwater and Mrs. Bobbie Waller, Midland;
also eight grandchildren.

### R. B. WOOD

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RICHARD B. WOOD, 58, well-known Hill
Country livestock dealer, died October 25
in a Temple hospital following a short illness.

Richard B. Wood grew up in Eden and attended schools here. Nood grew up in Eden and attended schools here. He married Miss Leona Thorn at Mensier until Noving January of the Married State of the Married State of the Married State of the Married Until Noving January of the Married State of the Married Married State of the Married

### FRANK D. SWEETEN

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FRANK D. SWEETEN, 81, retired ranchman of
Uvalde, died in Uvalde October 21. The family
moved to Rocksprings in 1928, where Mr.
Sweeten was an appraiser for the Federal
Land Bank. In 1947 he moved to Uvalde.
Surviving are his wife; two sons, Brooks and
Charles Sweeten of Rocksprings; two daughters, Mrs. S. E. Young, Uvalde, and Mrs. R.
Cavness, wife of the president of San Angelo
College; one sister Mrs. R. House of Dime
Box; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### JOE W. ARLEDGE

JOE W. ARLEDGE
JOE W. ARLEDGE, 48, lifetime West Texas ranchman, died September 28 at his home in San Angelo following a long illness.

Born September 2, 1913, on a ranch near Maryneal, Mr. Arledge was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arledge. He first entered the ranching business after graduating from school in Roscoe.

On August 7, 1945, Mr. Arledge married Miss Geraldine Youngblood of Blackwell. The couple lived on their Coke County ranch north of Robert Lee for a time, and later moved to a ranch near Sweetwater.

Besides his ranches in Coke and Nolan Counties, Mr. Arledge had ranching interests in New Mexico, Montana, and South Dakota. He raised sheep, cattle, and thoroughbred horses. As a hobby, he raced his horses.

The Arledge family moved to San Angelo

four years ago, and they spent part of the year on their South Dakota ranches.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Linda and Carol, and one son, Wade, all of San Angelo; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse S. Cargile of Sweetwater and Mrs. Palmer Leeper of Robert Lee; and one brother, George B. Arledge of Winchester, Kentucky.

ROLAND BAILEY BEASLEY

ROLAND BAILEY BEASLEY, 55, a former ranchman and a native of Kimble County, died October 13 in a San Antonio hospital. The survivors include: five brothers, T. D. Beasley of San Angelo, Ross Beasley of San Angelo, Ross Beasley of San Angelo, Ross Desider, and Leslie and Fred Beasley, both of San Antonio; four sistens, Mrs. L. Williams, Mrs. C. B. Dixon, and Mrs. George Hamilton, all of San Antonio, and Mrs. W. E. Buckner of San Marcos.

### Calendar

Nov. 6 — Texas Special Angus Bull Sale, 1:00 P.M., Ramsey's Triple 7 Ranch barn, Driftwood.

Nov. 11-11th Annual Hill Country Angus Sale, Fredericksburg.

Nov. 11-Quarter Horse Association of West Texas Sale, Fairgrounds, 1:00 P.M., San Angelo.

Nov. 12-8th Annual Championship Steer Roping and Branding Contest, Fairgrounds, San Angelo.

Nov. 25-State Finals, New Mexico "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Dec. 1-Capitol Area Hereford Association's 11th Annual Sale, Austin.

Dec. 10-13-Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association's Annual Convention, Hotel Texas, Fort Worth.

Dec. 16-Bennie W. Edwards Registered Southdown Dispersal Sale,

12:30 P.M., Dawson County Fairgrounds, Lamesa, Texas.

Dec. 18-Moore Bros.- Herman Allen Angus Bull Sale, Producers Livestock Auction Company, San An-

Jan. 6-State Finals, Texas "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Jan. 12-13-Mills County Livestock Raisers Association Sale, Goldthwaite.

Jan. 26 - Feb. 4-Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth.

Jan. 29-31 - Wool and Lamb Short Course, Sponsored by Wyoming University College of Agriculture, Laramie, Wyoming.

Feb. 4-10 - Southwestern Livestock Show and Sale, El Paso. (International Range Bull Sale, Feb. 8; Southwestern Invitational Quarter Horse Sale, Feb. 7.)

Feb. 9-18 - San Antonio Livestock Exposition, San Antonio.

Feb. 21 - Mar. 4-Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston.

### Researchers Discover New Meat Marbling Technique

A NEW technique for artificially marbling meat was demonstrated recently at a meeting of sheep breeding scientists from land-grant colleges in 12 western states.

The technique, which involves the simple injection of a mixture of liquid beef tallow and corn oil directly into the steak or roast, was demonstrated by Dale Zinn and Henry Elliot of Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Zinn is a former animal husbandman and meat specialist with the New Mexico State University Experiment Station.

The injection, which produces a streak or a roast with a natural marbling effect in a matter of seconds, holds promise of revolutionizing the meat industry. Tenderness tests made by the Texas Tech researchers indicate that the artificial marbling offers good possibilities for improvement of beef and lamb at the consumer level. Besides producing the marbling effect by injection, the researchers also claim that any type of flavor could be injected in the meat and many lowgrade cuts could be upgraded.

Marbling, which are the streaks of fat used as a basis for quality, is usually associated with a high degree of fat. In order to achieve the desired

marbling through feeding and finishing of the animal, much excess fat cover is produced. By use of the new technique, meat specialists can produce a well-marbled steak or roast without waste fat, yet having the desired fat streaking in the lean.

The researchers will continue their experiments with the new injection technique and explore other possibilities for improvement of beef and lamb at the consumer level. Dr. Earl Ray, meat specalist, is in charge of the carcass study work at the NMSU Experiment Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reed of Hillsboro, New Mexico, while about retired from the purebred Angora goat business, nevertheless hold it in such interest that they traveled some 1,100 miles to attend the annual meeting of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association at Rocksprings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Eldorado recently sold their one-section stock farm on the Menard highway to George Humphrey, Eldorado Ford dealer. The Williams are moving to Eldorado, where they will make their

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